

# Rochester Numismatic Association Meeting Minutes



1928

R. N. A. MEETINGS			Prepared By	Robert	E.	Doty	01/05/2004						
PRESIDENTS TERM			1928	01/01/1928	12/31/1928								
PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL YEAR & MEDAL NUMBER				1928	17								
PRESIDENT				Dr. Arthur	C. Parker								
VICE-PRESIDENT				Dr. Chester	A. Peake								
SECRETARY				Paul	M. Lange								
TREASURER				Dr. Chester	A. Peake								
OTHER CLUB MEDALS		NONE											
1928 ANA Medal Bar, Badge & Ribbon made by Bastian Brothers Co., Rochester, N.Y.													
Rochester, N.Y. August 18-19-20-21-22-23, 1928													
MEETING PLACE = Rochester Municipal Museum, Edgerton Park													
MEETINGS 1st.& 3rd.		Tuesday	Tuesday										
	Month	Date	Date										
	JANUARY	* Sun	**	** = Missing Minutes									
* Banquet - 16 th. Banquet													
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	FEBRUARY	**	**										
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	MARCH	**	**										
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	JULY	**	**										
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	AUGUST	**	**	18-23 A.N.A.									
	mtg. #			Convention									
	SEPTEMBER	4	19										
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	OCTOBER	**	16										
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	NOVEMBER	**	**										
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	DECEMBER	**	**										
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Parker PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL STRUCK BY Bastian Brothers Co. , Rochester, N.Y.													
Alphonse A. Kolb - Sculptor & Die Cutter - Obverse													
Joseph A. Koeb - Sculptor & Die Cutter - Reverse													
		Metal	Medals Made										
		Bronze	50										

1928 A.N.A. Convention

August 18-19-20-21-22-23, 1928

Rochester, NY



ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION—Meeting held on April 3d, 1928, at the Municipal Museum, President Dr. Arthur C. Parker in the chair. Members present: Messrs. Woodbury, Plumb, Chapin, Amberg, Horner, Lange, Reddick, Dr. Parker, Lindboe, Akely, Bauer, Sloan, Kolb, Sunday and Dr. French.

Mr. Lindboe presented a convention medal for the cabinet.

The meeting discussed convention matters exclusively. Hotel Seneca was selected as headquarters, convention to be August 18th to 23d, 1928.

An auction closed the meeting.

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION—Meeting held on April 17th, 1928, at the Municipal Museum, President Dr. Arthur C. Parker in the chair. Members present: Messrs. Woodbury, Dr. Peake, Plumb, Dr. Parker, Lindboe, Lange, Reddick, Sloan, Sunday, Kuehne, Amberg and Dr. French.

Under new business a proposition to create a museum trusteeship of our collection was introduced and discussed. On motion of Mr. Woodbury, seconded by Mr. Amberg, it was decided to mail a copy of this proposal to all members and summon them to appear at the first meeting in June to vote on it.

Convention matters held the attention of the members for the rest of the evening. The usual auction took place, some fine pieces changing hands.

SEPTEMBER, 1928.

## Obituary.

## HARRY H. YAWGER.

After an illness of three years, Harry H. Yawger, of Indiana, Pa., a member of the present Board of Governors and an ex-President of the American Numismatic Association, died at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., on July 26.

Mr. Yawger's illness dates from the fall of 1925, when he first went to Baltimore for treatment. Since that time he had made frequent visits to the hospital from his home, accompanied by Mrs. Yawger, and for a time it seemed that the progress of the disease would be stayed. He attended the A. N. A. conventions of 1926 and 1927, and on those occasions appeared to be in fairly good health. Early in June of this year he entered the hospital, attended by Mrs. Yawger, and remained there until his death. He was 61 years old.

He is survived by his widow, Addie De Sales Yawger, and one son, Foster Yawger, of Rochester, N. Y. Mrs. Yawger accompanied the remains to Rochester, where funeral services were held from the home of their son on July 30. Charles Markus, President of the A. N. A., of Davenport, Iowa, and Moritz Wormser, ex-President of the A. N. A., of New York, and a large delegation from the Rochester Numismatic Association attended the funeral.

The services at the house were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Dickenson, a former pastor of Mrs. Yawger, who rendered a beautiful and eloquent address of consolation to the relatives. He was followed by President Markus, who spoke as follows:

"Rev. Dr. Dickenson, Members of the American Numismatic Association, friends, and the family of our dear, departed friend:

"I am profoundly and deeply grateful to be permitted to address you on this sad and solemn occasion. It is not personal, but a beautiful tribute extended by the eleven hundred members of the American Numismatic Association to the family of Harry H. Yawger. He was President of the A. N. A. in 1927 and known and loved by all.

"Like lightning out of a clear sky came Mrs. Yawger's telegram to me. I was shocked to my inmost being and not ashamed of the tears that came. The dull pain that began when first we heard of his passing was bound to linger. No more shall we see with the physical eye that kindly smile or enjoy that gracious friendliness. We shall greatly miss his contagious geniality and his wise counsel in many of our common projects regarding our



HARRY H. YAWGER.

Association, but we know the influence of his work and example will long remain with us.

"Moreover, we know that in our own lives he will remain an inspiration and ennobling influence as long as we each shall live. We hesitate even to speak of them, lest the halting speech in which we tell of them shall somehow belittle them. Words are but feeble instruments of expression, but they are the only real measures we have at times. Although a man of affairs, as you all have known him to be, one could always find him in his place at our annual conventions.

"Whenever a friend dies, he dies too soon. But we measure life wrongly. We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths; in feelings, not in figures. We should count time by heart-throbs. He lives most who thinks

most, feels the noblest, acts the best. Therefore, let us be thankful that we have known Harry Yawger and that he has lived among us. Let us be grateful that we have received at his hands many kindnesses. Let us continue to honor him for what he would have done for us if he had remained with us. No tear need stain the cheeks of those who loved him, no sob need be uttered, because God sought a return of one who had paid the debt of life in a beautiful way. And though God has taken him who was loaned to us for a few days, his living friends will not forget him.

"I'm going to miss him. I am going to miss the cheery word, the act of friendship. He had riches of his own—the wealth of friends, the joy of his family. To his surviving wife and family we extend our heart-felt and sincere sympathy. They know better than we do what has gone out of their lives forever. And now, dear Harry, as we always extended to you, while living, the hand of fellowship and friendliness, so do we now even in death.

"Auf wiedersehen! Auf wiedersehen!"

The wealth of floral tributes testified mutely to the esteem in which Harry Yawger was held. Banks of flowers literally buried the casket and ranged from the modest bouquets and sprays to the most elaborate wreaths, designs, and baskets of flowers. The A. N. A. was represented by a magnificent basket of beautiful flowers, testifying to the esteem in which Mr. Yawger was held. The house and grounds were filled by a large number of friends and members who by their presence manifested their silent bereavement of a true friend in every sense of the word.

Representing the Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal Company at the funeral were Frank Beck, William Moss and Earl Maggs of Indiana, Pa. Representatives of the Indiana Rotary Club were Ernest Stewart, and Dr. Clark Dickie.

The active pallbearers were Frederick Loefler, Clayton Gilmore, Wendell Brewer, John Mahoney, Ralph Anderson and Dr. Ray Elliott. The honorary pallbearers were George Clune, Frank Beck, William Moss, Earl Maggs, George Bauer, Charles Markus, Moritz Wormser, Dr. J. A. Cormier, Dr. Clark Dickie and Ernest Stewart.

Concluding and impressive services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Dickenson at the Chapel, and while the mourners wended their way homewards, the casket on its catafalque slowly sank into the crypt of the Chapel, from where it will be interred in the near future.

Mr. Yawger was born at Union Springs, Cayuga county, N. Y., where his forefathers moved from New Amsterdam, N. Y., and settled in 1795. He lived there until 1885, when the family moved to Rochester, N. Y., and remained there until 1921, when the Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal Company, by which he had been employed since 1890 until his death, for business reasons moved their general offices from Rochester to Indiana, Pa. At the time of his death, and for several years previously, he was auditor of the Company.

He was one of the charter members of the Rochester Numismatic Association and assisted in its formation. He served as secretary from 1910 until 1918, when he was elected president. He was also a member of the American Numismatic Society, New York City, and was Life Member No. 2 of the American Numismatic Association.

In addition to his numismatic affiliations he was a member of the Indiana Lodge of Masons, No. 313, and a thirty-second degree member of Connersport Consistory; a member of the Indiana Country Club and the Indiana Rotary Club.

The first convention of the A. N. A. he attended was at Columbus, Ohio, in 1907, and in later years he had attended every convention, always accompanied by Mrs. Yawger. In 1919 he was elected General Secretary of the A. N. A. and reelected in 1920. In 1921 he was elected Chairman of the Board of Governors and served for five consecutive years, and in 1926 he was elected President. He declined reelection in 1927 on account of failing health, but accepted a place on the Board of Governors.

Throughout these years he was not a mere officeholder. The routine work that accompanies these various offices was carefully looked after throughout the years, and convention time always found him in the convention city several days in advance of the opening, looking after the many details of the annual gatherings.

In common with many of his fellow-collectors, Harry Yawger made no pretense of being a numismatic scholar. He loved coins and loved to collect them. His interest was centered principally in the United States issues. But he thoroughly enjoyed a numismatic atmosphere and was always ready to be of service to the A. N. A. He was deservedly popular in A. N. A. circles. He had the faculty of forming friendships at convention time which continued through the intervals between the annual meetings. Harry Yawger will be greatly missed by his numismatic friends.

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**ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION**—Regular meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association held September 4th, 1928. Vice-President Peake presided. Members present: Dr. Peake, Messrs. Sunday, French, Limboc, Sloane, Horner, Plumb and E. Peake.

Letters were read from Joseph Ford, of Missoula, Mont., and David J. Williams, of Terre Haute, Ind., requesting convention medals. Mr. Plumb was instructed to send medals to these members.

Reports of some of the committees on the convention activities were read and accepted. Bills for convention were ordered paid.

Motion made and carried that a vote of thanks be extended William F. Sunday and Mrs. Sunday for their wonderful services at the convention; also to Dr. Parker and Mrs. Parker for their splendid efforts and the untiring energy of Mr. Bauer, Mr. Plumb and other chairmen and committees who contributed towards the success of the recent convention.

The members present expressed their appreciation for the splendid co-operation of the A. N. A. officers and visiting members, and all were well pleased with the attendance, and the numismatic spirit which permeated the air during the entire convention period.

Various plans were discussed for the purpose of perpetuating the spirit and loyalty of the Rochester Numismatic Association.

Exhibits: U. S. Cen. 1809, in extremely fine condition, by Mr. Sunday.  
Meeting adjourned.

**ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION**—Meeting held September 19, 1928, at the Municipal Museum. President Dr. Arthur C. Parker in the chair. Members present: Dr. Parker, Messrs. Lange, Sloane, Woodbury, Horner, Plumb, Smiley, Dr. French, Aulberg, Kaufman, Reddick, Wolff, Dr. Peake and Kolb. Visitor, Leonard Babin.

The President called on the heads of the convention committees for their first reports. The report of the Treasurer showed a small deficit, which was ordered to be paid out of the Treasury.

A letter of appreciation by President Markns was read, also many letters received by members from convention visitors.

A Bausch & Lomb commemorative medal, cut by our member, Alphonse A. Kolb, was shown and donated by the artist to our collection.

Dr. French exhibited several fine cents and half cents of 1793 in uncirculated condition.

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DECEMBER, 1928.

**ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION**—Meeting held October 16, 1928, at the Municipal Museum, Dr. Arthur C. Parker in the chair. Members present: Dr. Parker, Messrs. Lange, Sunday, Bauer, Woodbury, Kaufman, Dr. Peake, Horner, Sloan, Plumb, Gillette, Lindboe, Kolb, Wardell and Dr. French. Visitor, L. Babin.

After a short business meeting we suspended the regular order and listened to talks given by Messrs. Gillette and Bauer on the tetradrachms of Alexander, illustrated by 67 pieces of Mr. Gillette's collection and 36 of the collection of Mr. Bauer.

Luncheon was furnished by the club.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Bauer and Mr. Gillette, also to Dr. Peake, who furnished additional refreshments.

## 1928 A. N. A. CONVENTION AT ROCHESTER, N. Y.

AUGUST 18 TO 23.

To the Members of the American Numismatic Association:

In accordance with the provisions of our constitution and by-laws, and the action taken at Hartford in August, 1927, the American Numismatic Association convention will be held at Rochester, N. Y., August 18 to 23. Arrangements have been made for headquarters at the Seneca Hotel. Exhibition room and business sessions will be at this hotel.

Further details regarding the convention will be published next month in the *Numismatist*. Now is the time to begin thinking about your vacation. Why not make it a trip to the beautiful city of Rochester and meet with your numismatic friends?

A most cordial invitation is extended to every member of the A. N. A. to attend the Rochester convention, August 18 to 23, 1928.

Fraternally,

HARRY W. RAPP,

Chairman Board of Governors.

Detroit, Mich., April 9, 1928.

JUNE, 1928.

## THE 1928 CONVENTION OF THE A. N. A.

As announced last month, the date of the 1928 convention of the A. N. A. has been set for August 18 to 23. The convention will be held in Rochester, N. Y. This will be the third A. N. A. convention to be held in that city, the two former having been in 1912 and 1917. Both were well attended and both were held before the more or less elaborate series of entertainment features that have marked recent conventions were inaugurated.

Convention headquarters will be at the Seneca Hotel and the public exhibit of coins and the business sessions of the convention will also be held there. In many respects the arrangement of having all convention activities under one roof is desirable, although it has been demonstrated that a public exhibit of coins at a hotel does not attract as many visitors as when held in a public institution.

The success of an A. N. A. convention is measured largely by the attendance and the number and interest of the exhibits. The attendance at these annual meetings should be larger than it is. While the membership has increased considerably in the last six or seven years, the average attendance has not been larger than when our membership was much smaller. It should not be necessary to urge members to attend conventions. Attendance should be regarded as an opportunity or privilege by those sincerely interested in numismatics.

The public exhibit of coins at a convention offers an opportunity to display some of the members' choice specimens or the specialties in which they take so much pride. An appeal is made to those who expect to attend to take along an exhibit. Ample space will be provided in cases for individual exhibits.

The local committee of the Rochester Numismatic Association is hard at work arranging for the convention. They have provided several entertainment features for the visitors, as is shown in the following program which has been arranged by them:

Morning and Afternoon—Registration with the General Secretary at headquarters, Seneca Hotel.  
Evening—Smoker at Seneca Hotel, Dr. George P. French, host.

Sunday, August 19.  
Morning—Attendance at church. Fine representative churches within ten minutes of the hotel.  
Afternoon—Auto rides through Rochester parks. R. N. A. Entertainment Committee.  
Evening—Broadcast talk on "Coins" by WLIB.

Monday, August 20.  
Morning—Business session. Welcome by Mayor or representative.  
Afternoon—Visit to Kodak Park, Eastman Kodak plant. Convention photograph.  
Evening—Theater party, Eastman Theater.

Tuesday, August 21.  
Morning—Business session.  
Afternoon—Visit to the Bausch & Lomb plant, greatest lens and optical plant in America.  
Evening—Auction sale of coins.

Wednesday, August 22.  
Morning—Business session.  
Afternoon—Visit to the mosaics, Rochester Municipal Museum, R. N. A.  
Coin Room; Memorial Art Gallery. Special cars on Subway.

Evening—Banquet.

Thursday, August 23.  
Morning—Business session.  
Afternoon—Special.

President Markins announces the appointment of the following committees for the Rochester Convention of the A. N. A., August 18 to 23:  
Committee on Nominations—Elaine S. Sears, New York, Mass., chairman; George J. Bauer, Rochester, N. Y.; A. S. Grindell, Detroit, Mich.; Committee on Credentials—Harry T. Wilson, Chicago, Ill., chairman; H. Plumb, Rochester, N. Y.; George H. Blake, Jersey City, N. J.; Committee on Resolutions—George A. Gillette, Rochester, N. Y., chairman; Thomas S. Miller, Douglass Hills, N. Y.; R. E. Davis, Chicago, Ill.; George S. Godard, Hartford, Conn.; Carl Wurtzel, Lee, Mass.; Committee on Elections—A. Roland, Montreal, Canada, chairman; Edward T. Newell, New York City; F. T. doors, Cleveland, Ohio; H. A. Sternberg, Dundee, Ill.; Julius Gattag, New Rochelle, N. Y.

## THE ROCHESTER CONVENTION.

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The officers of your Association are earnestly hoping and working for a successful convention August 18th to 23d. A successful convention can only be held providing the members show sufficient interest to attend. Your officers need your support and encouragement to help make the Association grow. It is regrettable that less than half (one-half) of our members attend our conventions, as these meetings are always a source of information, as well as pleasure, and it is hoped that this year you will plan to be with us in Rochester. May we count on YOU?

HARRY W. RAPP.

Chairman Board of Governors.

DETROIT, MICH., MAY 10, 1928.

course, be done with, no other is in than that provided by the railroads and system of lighting. In making a trip under these conditions one runs some risk of being lost or separated from the party. But the company has established a system for conducting visitors through these parts of the plant, and it is seldom one is more than temporarily separated from the others. This will be an experience somewhat out of the ordinary for A. N. A. convention features. We hope none of the visitors will do this to injure the party because of the apparent danger that surrounds it. The records of the company show that in all its years of business not a single visitor has been accidentally lost in these huge dark rooms.

On Monday evening a theater party is scheduled for the Eastman Theater owned and operated by the University of Rochester. The attraction at Rochester for this particular night has not been announced.

Rochester is essentially a camera and photographic supply city, and on Tuesday afternoon a visit will be made to the plant of Bessie & Louis, importers of lenses and optical goods. This should prove a very interesting feature of the program.

On Tuesday evening there will be an auction sale of coins, conducted by the Holiday Shop, with which Paul M. Lamer, Librarian and Registrar of the A. N. A., is connected. The catalog of the sale has not yet been distributed, but there is no doubt it will contain many desirable coins.

A visit to the Rochester Municipal Museum with its R. N. A. Coin Room, and the Municipal Art Gallery is on the program for Wednesday afternoon.

The Municipal Art Room is one of the few institutions in this country which contains a collection of coins the property of a local numismatic organization.

The series of entertainment features will close on Wednesday evening with a banquet.

The entertainment features, of course, are not all to an A. N. A. convention. There will be business sessions on the four mornings of Tuesday, Wednesday, Wednesday and Thursday, at which it is expected a number of papers will be read. There will also be the usual exhibit of coins which will be open to the public. In order to make the exhibit as attractive as possible, members are urged to take with them some of their coins. It need not be a large unit, but it should be interesting and out of the ordinary, if possible. Twenty or thirty or forty small units made up of attractive coins will make a display that will arouse enthusiasm for our subject.

All convention activities—headquarters, business sessions and the exhibit—will be at the Seneca Hotel. Reservations should be made with the manager as early as possible.

Upon arrival, no matter what time you reach Rochester, after having assigned your room, hunt up Harry T. Wilson, General Secretary and register with him. The register is the official record of attendance and this matter should not be neglected.

#### Some Facts About Rochester.

The first buildings in Rochester were a saw mill and grist mill, erected in 1789 by Ebenezer ("Indian") Allen. It was twenty-five years later, though, before real community life existed, and the village was incorporated. In 1814, Rochester became a city, with 12,252 inhabitants. Its growth ever since has been steady and healthy. The register is the official record of attendance and this matter should not be neglected.

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Almost every crevice is represented by Rochester's 271 churches, all of which extend a cordial and sincere welcome to strangers.

The University of Rochester, which enjoys an exceptional academic standing among the educational institutions of the country, is being rebuilt in its entirety upon a new site, the entire amount made possible through the generosity of the Rochester Foundation. George Eastman and the citizens of Rochester, together with the foundations, have already given \$1,000,000. The present site is being used, and plans will be further carried out this year.

## The Numismatist

July 28

## The 1928 Convention of the A. N. A.

The program of the A. N. A. Convention to be held in Rochester, N. Y., August 18 to 22, published last month, should prove attractive enough to double the average attendance. Each year the A. N. A. endeavors to have a number of entertainment features during the four or five days the convention is in session, both to induce members to attend and to make the visit enjoyable after they get there.

The first entertainment feature on the program this year will be a smoker on Saturday evening, with Dr. George P. French as host. Those who know Dr. French also know that he is capable of playing host to a party of coin collectors in a manner the recollection of which will survive long after the convention becomes history. The primary object of a smoker is to have the members get acquainted with each other, and with Dr. French in charge it is safe to say that after it is over everyone will feel well enough acquainted with everyone else to loan him money.

The next feature will be an auto ride through the Rochester parks, with the R. N. A. Entertainment Committee in charge. A. N. A. Convention auto rides have become more or less standardized by reason of their frequency, but it should be remembered that the scenery is always different. Rochester has some beautiful parks, and it is presumed the ride will also include a trip over some of its back roads through different parts of the city. For Sunday evening a radio talk on "Coins" is announced on the program. At present we are in the dark as to who will give the talk, but the subject is one that will be of interest to every visitor.

On Monday afternoon the convention party will visit Kodak Park, the Eastman Kodak plant. We recall that a trip through this wonderful establishment was made during the Rochester Convention of 1912, but it will be new to many of our present members. Those who were members of the party in 1912 will remember the visit because much of it had to be made in almost total darkness. The members of the present party must be

Four large department stores, Shibley, Lindsay & Curr Co., E. W. Edwards & Son, and Hasty Powers Co., besides a host of smaller businesses, of which the city is the center, The spacious shops on East Avenue conduct brilliantly with those on Rinker. The hub of the old Erie Canal, traversing the heart of the city, has been converted into a magnificently paved subway, designed to take care of most of the city's substantial traffic, and, at the street level, runs at a dead snail's pace. The local street cars, that relieve vehicular traffic congestion in the heart of the city.

Rochester's leading social clubs are the Congress Valley and the Rochester, Brook Lane and Lonsdale Hill.

The Flower City is especially fortunate in the matter of theaters and entertainment. The Eastman Theater has added the crowning touch to a city already well endowed with amateur theaters, so that Rochester is now a veritable Mecca for amateur playgoers and enthusiasts.

Rochester's park system, including six large and twenty-six smaller parks, with a total area of 1,634 acres, is one to which all residents have long pointed with pride. Not only is it acreage large, but its many units are so well distributed as to serve actually every section of the community. The largest of the units is Genesee Valley Park, situated on the southern edge of the city, with an area of 540 acres. Next in point of size comes Broadman Park, with its 484 acres, and its four-mile frontage on Lake Ontario.

By no inland city is Rochester surpassed in the quality and popularity of its municipal bathing beaches. Daily throughout the summer months the public beaches at innumerable at Dornak-Eggersen and Ontario Beach parks are thronged by citizens.

The surrounding countryside abounds in delightful trips for the motorist. It has been said that within a fifty-mile radius of the city are more summer resorts than in any similar area in the country. The shores of Lake Ontario, and of nearby Irondequoit Bay, are dotted with places for recreation and entertainment. Within easy motoring distance lies the delightful Finger Lake region of Central New York. To the south one finds the upper reaches of the Genesee river, with its famous High Banks, Portage Falls, and Letchworth Park.

#### FROM THE COMMITTEE ON CONVENTION PAPERS.

To All Good A. N. A. Members, Readers and Hosters:

All members of the A. N. A. and readers of The Numismatist are urged to help in making the 1928 Rochester Convention a great success by submitting papers to be read there, or at this time at least to communicate with the undersigned immediately if they have such papers in preparation and the topic on which they expect to write.

It is not necessary for the contributor of a paper to be present in person, and, as always, papers so furnished will later be published in The Numismatist.

We hope that those who are especially qualified to write for the Convention will give the Association the benefit of their numismatic experience, and while they are at liberty to forward their numismatic treatises for the Association, it is their duty not to broadcast their knowledge, but to broadcast it for the benefit of other collectors and the Association in general and to heighten the Convention audience with valuable and interesting papers based on their rich numismatic experience.

Numismatists, writers, and students should make this to heart and immediately get in touch with the undersigned.

MORITZ WORMSER,  
Chairman, Committee on Convention Papers,  
95 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

A specimen of the bronze medal commemorating the Bicentennial Bicentennial of the American Numismatic Association by Mr. F. C. Boyd, of New York.

## Meetings of Numismatic Societies and Clubs.

### STRUCTURE.

**AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION**—Meets annually in convention. Harry T. Walker, Secretary, 100 N. Dearborn, Chicago, Ill. **AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**, New York City—Meets four times annually at its headquarters, 45 Locust Street, New York, N. Y. **STRUCTURE**—Meets monthly at Clinton Avenue, Bronx, N. Y. **ANTIQUE AND NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF NEW YORK**—Meets monthly at 1200 Madison Avenue, Bronx, N. Y. **STRUCTURE**—Meets monthly at 1200 Madison Avenue, Bronx, N. Y. **BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**, Boston, Mass.—Meets monthly. Shepard Post, Secretary, 228 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass. **BOSTON NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION**, Boston, Mass.—Meets at Central Y. M. C. A. of E. School, School Street, Boston, Mass. **CHICAGO COIN CLUB**, Chicago, Ill.—Meets first Wednesday of each month. Elmer Lawless, Secretary, 222 S. Dearborn Avenue, Chicago, Ill. **DETROIT COIN CLUB**, Detroit, Mich.—Meets first and third Thursdays at 2951 Elmwood Avenue, Detroit, Mich. **DETROIT COIN CLUB**, Detroit, Mich.—Meets first and third Thursdays at 2951 Elmwood Avenue, Detroit, Mich. **GREENVILLE, S. C., NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**, Greenville, S. C.—Meets monthly at 351 Greenville, S. C. **LONG ISLAND NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION**, Brooklyn, N. Y.—Harold Schmidt, Secretary, 1425 1/2 St., Brooklyn Hill, N. Y. **NEW YORK CITY**—Meets second Friday of each month. Thomas S. Miller, Secretary, 24 Broad St., New York City. **PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**, San Francisco, Cal.—Meets last Wednesday of each month. Harvey L. Hansen, Secretary, 122 1/2 Franklin Avenue, San Francisco, Cal. **ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION**, Rochester, N. Y.—Meets first and third Friday at Municipal Museum. Paul M. Lange, Secretary, 817 Flower City Park, Rochester, N. Y. **ST. LOUIS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**, St. Louis, Mo.—Meets monthly at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. **STRUCTURE**, St. Louis, Mo.—Meets last Wednesday month. Wilson L. Koenig, Secretary, The Numismatist and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia, Pa.—Meets six times a year, January, February, March, April, November and December. Ernest Spofford, Secretary, 1209 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa. **WASHINGTON COIN CLUB**, Washington, D. C.—Meets second and fourth Friday at Peacock and McGill Building, G. H. Eunery, Secretary, 2525 Cathedral Avenue, D. C. **WILKES-BarRE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—Meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Carnegie Institute of Pittsburgh. A. C. Gies, Secretary, 426 Franklin Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. **WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**, Pittsburgh, Pa.—Meets monthly at the Carnegie Institute of Pittsburgh. **WILKES-BarRE**, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—Meets monthly at Cleveland Public Library, Chas. H. Fisher, Secretary, care The Ames Company, Cleveland, Ohio.

**AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**—The regular Spring meeting of the American Numismatic Society was held on Saturday, April 14th, 1928. The meeting was called to order at 3:15, Mr. Newell presiding. Present: Messrs. Newell, New, Wood, Belden, Biditz, Beatty, Kehl, Gallatin, Schmuck, Herrick, and Mrs. Carnahan.

The reading of the minutes of the Annual Meeting was dispensed with.

Report of the Secretary.

Chairman of the American Numismatic Society: Because a report should be first of all a record of what has been accomplished, it might be well to give a word of work during the last three months.

# The Numismatist

August 1928

## The 1928 Convention of the A. N. A.

Those who expect to attend the convention of the A. N. A. in Rochester, N. Y., August 18 to 23, should remember that the opening day is Saturday, the 18th, although the business sessions will not begin until Monday, and everyone is urged to reach Rochester early on Saturday. After being made comfortable in your room you should locate the General Secretary, Harry T. Wilson, and register with him, as this registration is the official record of the attendance. Then you should see the chairman of the entertainment committee of the Rochester Numismatic Association, from whom you may obtain a badge and tickets for the entertainment features. These preliminaries concluded, you will be at liberty to install your exhibit. The A. N. A. will provide cases for this purpose. The exhibit room will be looked after day and night by officers from the police department and your coins will be safe during the time they are on exhibition.

As previously announced, headquarters will be at the Hotel Seneca, where all activities will be centered, including the exhibit and business sessions. Experience has shown that this plan is preferable to having the exhibit and business sessions in some public building. The exhibit room is the place where the members spend most of their time when not otherwise engaged, and if it is located in the hotel the advantages are apparent. The one disadvantage is that the public does not feel the same degree of freedom in calling at a hotel to view the exhibit as it does at a public building, and, consequently, the attendance is not as large. The exhibit is made largely for the benefit of the public, and it is regretted that in late years the number of visitors to the exhibits has not been greater. But with a large number of good exhibits and proper publicity by the local press, that part of the public which appreciates a display of coins can be attracted to it.

But in making selections for your exhibit it will be well to remember that those who will examine it with the greatest care and appreciate it most will be your fellow-collectors. They will appreciate its condition and the rarity of the pieces. These features are usually overlooked by the public. Something odd or curious will attract the eye of the public, even though it may have little numismatic interest. But all who attend should bring at least a few specimens and should see that they are installed on Saturday.

It is hoped to make the attendance break all previous records. The membership is now larger than ever before and interest in collecting was never greater than now. The Rochester membership will provide a good attendance in itself, and a number from the new club at Buffalo are expected to come on hand. Then there will be several from the Cleveland Club, and the Detroit Club promises to send a large delegation. To this number will be added those who come from more distant points throughout the United States and Canada, and, combined, they should form an attendance exceeding that of any recent convention.

Hotel reservations should be made at once if you have not already done so. The program is reprinted here in case you overlook it in our June issue.

Saturday, August 18.

Sunday, August 19.

Monday and Afternoon—Registration with the General Secretary at headquarters, Seneca Hotel.

Evening—Smoker at Seneca Hotel. Dr. George P. French, host.

Monday—Attendance at church. Fine representative churches within ten minutes of the hotel.

Afternoon—Auto rides through Rochester parks. R. N. A. Entertainment Committee.

Evening—Broadcast talk on "Coins" by WHAM.

Monday, August 20.

Monday—Business session. Welcome by Mayor or representative.

Afternoon—Visit to Kodak Park, Eastman Kodak plant. Convention photograph.

Tuesday, August 21.

Wednesday, August 22.

Wednesday—Business session.

Afternoon—Visit to the museums, Rochester Municipal Museum, R. N. A. Coin Room; Memorial Art Gallery. Special cars on Subway.

Evening—Banquet.

Thursday, August 23.

Wednesday—Business session.

Wednesday—Special.

## Proceedings of the Annual Convention of the American Numismatic Association

HELD AT

### Rochester, N. Y., August 18-23, 1928.

#### FIRST SESSION, MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 20.

The first session of the 1928 Annual Convention of the American Numismatic Association was called to order at the Hotel Seneca, Rochester, N. Y., at 10:30 A. M. by President Charles Markus, of Davenport, Iowa, in the ballroom of the hotel.

President Markus—It pleases me greatly to call to order this first business session. We have with us a representative of the City of Rochester, who we will be pleased to have address us on this occasion. I take pleasure in presenting Dr. Chester Peake, of the Board of Councilmen of Rochester's City Manager Government.

Dr. Peake—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: I want to apologize for being a little late this morning, but I was called to Irondequoit on some important business and I hope you will bear with me on that account. At the time Mr. Bauer spoke to me about addressing the American Numismatic Association I told him it would possibly be better to get some member who was better posted on numismatics than I am. But George said, "With your slight knowledge of politics, if you can hold a political position you ought to be able to get by with it."

I want to say that in welcoming you to the city I hope you will have an opportunity to visit all the points of interest and the different parks. Of course, you saw some yesterday, but we want you to see all the points of beauty and advantages of the city. The other side we will not mention at all. All the disadvantages that we know about we will keep under cover. But while we have many conventions here in Rochester I do not think we have had a convention in the city that has such a representative body and a body that brings so much honor to the city as is the case with the American Numismatic Association.

There is an old saying that "any fool can make money, but it takes a wise man to hang on to it." So I think, everything considered, you are a little above the average individuals, because you must be much wiser than many other people. It would be a dangerous thing to try to teach the younger generation to try too early to collect coins. There is no telling what might happen. In thirty or forty years, if they went on, the bankers might not be able to conduct business. If a man wanted to purchase a house he would have to borrow from some coin collector. You would have about ten percent of the population collecting coins and the bankers and merchants would not know what to do. The merchants like to collect all the coins themselves. So you cannot tell what might happen if we forced the membership drive too strenuously.

I was talking to a member of the City Council the other day and he is in favor of spending money on libraries. I feel the same. But at the present time I mentioned the Museum. He could not see the value of that. But as I see it, while the libraries are essential to any community, as far as intellectual advancement is concerned, your museum is not second in archaeology, geology, etc. You can trace with coins the secrets of the ages, the degree of the civilization of the people and their conditions, customs and industries at that particular time, because civilization goes hand in hand with industrial conditions. If you do not have certain conditions you do not have the reflections from the coins of that age, of that country. You can see that in the Roman Empire. In the studies you have the reflections in your coins. You cannot get away from that. That is as I see it, and I believe if you read history you will find that it will coincide with my statements.

I hope that while you are here you will enjoy yourselves to the fullest,

and anything I can do, or if you want to find out anything I will be glad to inform you. I thank you.

President Markus—I desire to express my appreciation to Dr. Peake for the courteous invitation and for his address. What is your pleasure regarding it?

Mr. Gillette—I move that we appreciate the greetings of the official of the City of Rochester and that we intend to make the greatest use of all the opportunities by the convention of the entertainment that they can afford us.

President Markus—The matter will be referred to the Resolutions Committee for a letter of thanks to be sent to Dr. Peake. We will proceed with the regular order of business and first read the names of members in charge of the convention committees. Some are unavoidably absent and will have to be replaced by substitutes. I will read the names so that you will know which committee to refer any business you may have in mind. The committees are as follows:

Committee on Nominations—Elmer S. Sears, chairman, Swansea, Mass.; George J. Bauer, Rochester, N. Y.; A. A. Grinnell, Detroit, Mich. The committee will stand as appointed, because its work was finished prior to the meeting of this convention.

Credentials Committee—Harry T. Wilson, chairman, Chicago, Ill.; A. H. Plumb, Rochester, N. Y.; George H. Blake, Jersey City, N. J.

Committee on Resolutions—George A. Gillette, chairman, Rochester, N. Y.; Thos. S. Miller, New York City; R. E. Davis, Chicago, Ill.; George S. Godard, Hartford, Conn.; Carl Wurzbach, Lee, Mass.

Committee on Elections—L. A. Reinhard, chairman, Montreal, Canada; Edward T. Newell, New York City; F. T. Juers, Cleveland, Ohio; H. A. Sternberg, Dundee, Ill.; Julius Guttag, New Rochelle, N. Y.

President Markus—I want to say that I offered the chairmanship of the Committee on Papers to five different members, who all refused on various grounds, such as inability, lack of time, lack of ability to address a convention, not knowing whom they could ask for papers, etc. I do not like to single out any names, but I will do it at this time. I had almost despaired, but I turned to Mr. Wormser, and was transported to the seventh heaven of bliss by his finally accepting. The committee is as follows:

Committee on Papers—Moritz Wormser, chairman, New York City; George A. Pipes, Portland, Ore.; E. M. White, Davenport, Iowa; F. C. C. Boyd, New York City; Dr. E. F. Slater, Quantico, Va.

President Markus—I would like to say to Mr. Gillette that it is an imposition to draft him, but I would like to have him draft several members that he knows here to assist him. You will please us very much, Mr. Gillette, if you will do this. Consider it at your pleasure.

Mr. Gillette—I will do it.

President Markus—in order to facilitate the work of the Committee as soon as possible, you will kindly turn over your proxies to Secretary Wilson as soon as possible. This does not mean to turn over to him your own ballots, but the proxies which have been sent to you to vote. These proxies will be returned to you as soon as the Secretary has tabulated them.

The President pointed out that as the Proceedings of the 1927 Hartford Convention had been published in The Numismatist, reading them would be dispensed with.

President Markus—Now is the proper time to set the time for certain business before you. According to the Constitution and By-Laws, resolution must be closed before noon Tuesday. I would like to entertain a motion in regard to the nominations.

Mr. Wormser—I so move you, sir.

President Markus—it has been moved and seconded that we close the nominations before noon on Tuesday. (Carried.) Next is the closing of the polls. I will entertain a motion that we set as a special order of business for 11:15 Wednesday morning the preparing of ballots and voting for new officers for the coming year.

Motion to that effect made and carried.

President Markus—While still on special order of business, I would like to bring up the question of the election of the new officers for the year.

that the time for discussing and suggesting names of candidates for the new officers for the coming year.

the Board will require an expression on this subject and prepare to act accordingly. The Chair will entertain a motion.

Mr. Gillette—Second the motion. (Motion carried.)

President Markus—Next will be the report of our genial General Secretary, Mr. Wilson. He will dispense with details and give us only the totals.

Report of the General Secretary.

To the President and Members of the American Numismatic Association:

#### MEMBERSHIP.

Active Members	1048
Life Members	27
Honorary Members	6
Corporate Members	23
Complimentary	1
<b>Total Membership (all classes, as of August 20, 1928)</b>	<b>1105</b>

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Members admitted during the year:

Active	72
Corporate	2
Total	74
	215

Loss for the year:

Active members delinquent	72
Corporate members delinquent	72
By resignation, active members	28
By resignation, corporate members	2
By death, active members	11
By death, life members	2
Total	117

Summary totals:

New members	25
Reinstated	5
Total	30
Loss for the year	29
Net gain for the year	17
Net gain for the year	103

Respectfully submitted,  
R. H. T. AVILISK, General Secretary.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts—Paid to	
September, 1927	\$22,00
October, 1927	12,500
November, 1927	11,10
December, 1927	37,50
January, 1928	108,50
February, 1928	33,00
March, 1928	18,500
April, 1928	22,500
May, 1928	7,55
June, 1928	4,50
July, 1928	2,545
August, 1928	1,725
September, 1928	1,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$209,55</b>
Interest on bank balance, Treasurer's report	3,136.60
Balance on hand August 20, 1927	3,12,08
	\$ 75.5

## Disbursements.

Printing and stationery . . . . .	\$ 128.46
Postage . . . . .	119.16
Cartage, show cases . . . . .	10.00
Padlocks and staples for show cases . . . . .	11.60
General Secretary 1927-1928 . . . . .	375.00
Services of stenographer at Hartford . . . . .	45.32
Rent of lantern projector at Hartford . . . . .	25.00
Hartford Convention signs . . . . .	4.00
Life members subscriptions to The Numismatist . . . . .	52.00
Foreign library subscriptions to The Numismatist . . . . .	24.00
Exchange . . . . .	14.25
Rochester Convention bars . . . . .	20.50
Advertisements in newspapers and magazines . . . . .	229.58
Coins purchased out of the Robert P. King Fund . . . . .	16.16
Total . . . . .	<hr/> \$1075.03

Cash balance on hand as per voucher record, Nos. 105 to 143, inclusive . . . . .

\$1178.55

" Respectfully submitted.

HARRY T. WILSON, General Secretary.

Mr. Gillette—I move this report be accepted with thanks, placed on file and referred to the Auditing Committee. (Seconded and carried.) The report of Mr. Paul M. Lange, Curator, of Rochester, due at this point, was passed temporarily.

President Markus—It is time for reports from our District Secretaries if Mr. Wilson has them.

Mr. Wilson—I am sorry, but I have no reports from District Secretaries. President Markus—I see several District Secretaries before me and would like to hear their reports.

Mr. Thorson—Mr. Chairman, I wish to report the usual progress and added interest for our hobby in my district. Whereas the membership gain is slow, the prospects are very encouraging for next year. The Reed collection in our Omaha Public Library is being added to by new commemorative specimens and the twelve cases are being remodeled for the fall rush. We welcome all out-of-city visitors when in Omaha.

Mr. Renaud—The Vermeil Medal of Foreign Affairs has been awarded to Mr. Ludger Gravel of Montreal.

Mr. Burmeister, of Milwaukee, Wis., was called upon and made his report, which was that he had some members join the Association on his return from the last convention.

President Markus—Has any other District Secretary anything to report? We would like to hear from you at the present time. What will you do with the reports we have had?

Mr. Gillette moved to accept with thanks to each member, and place on file. (Seconded and carried.)

President Markus—We will now listen to an important report by the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. Harry W. Rapp, of Detroit, Mich.

Mr. Rapp—I desire to take this opportunity to bring to you the greetings of the Detroit Coin Club, and especially of those who had intended to attend this convention and who were not able to come because of illness or some business reasons. We had a considerable number who were to be here but who at the last minute could not get away, and so I bring you their greetings. I wish also to particularly thank the officers and members with whom I have had any dealings in the past year for the courtesies which they have extended to me.

Report of Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Mr. President and Members of the American Numismatic Association: The business of the A. N. A. being so new to me, I accepted the job as Chairman of the Board with a great deal of hesitancy. I have found, how-

ever, that your officers have worked so harmoniously and well during the past year that it has not been necessary to call a meeting of the Board of Governors. Such matters as have come to us for decision have been handled by correspondence. I call your attention to some of the actions of the Board of Governors:

No. 1.—At the Hartford convention the Board was instructed to go over the catalog of the library and select such books which, by reason of their rarity, should not be sent out for general circulation. After considerable correspondence by and between the Board of Governors, as well as the Curator, instructions were issued to the Curator as to what books are to be withheld from circulation, and this order was printed in The Numismatist. See page 42, January, 1928, issue.

No. 2.—The Board was further instructed by the Hartford convention to formulate rules and regulations which shall guide and direct the Curator in furnishing numismatic information and attributing coins. This problem was a little more difficult, but was finally solved, and the result of the Board's efforts will be found in The Numismatist. See page 108, February, 1928, issue.

No. 3.—In accordance with instructions, your Board authorized the sale of the registered Liberty bonds and our Treasurer will report on same. I recommend that, due to the difficulty in getting registered bonds cashed, we do not in the future tie up our money in this kind of security.

No. 4.—Life Members have been furnished with special membership cards this year and I have received several favorable comments on same. I recommend that this special card to Life Members be continued.

No. 5.—From an analysis of the records, it is regrettable to note the small percentage of our membership that attend these conventions. Some action should be taken by this convention to stimulate an interest in attending these conventions, and I recommend that a committee be appointed to study the question thoroughly and make suggestions as to how the convention attendance may be increased.

No. 6.—Last year the convention voted that \$50 be expended for the purchase of coins to be loaned to the National Museum at Washington, and if the committee needs another \$50 this year, I recommend that it be granted them.

No. 7.—Last year a resolution was offered suggesting that this Association formulate rules defining the proper attributing of coins to be advertised or sold by dealers or private sale by mail, which should form a standard and guide both for public and private sales. When this resolution was brought up it was finally tabled because the majority of the members present seemed to think that it was impracticable and that it could not be operated. It is said that, "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread," and possibly I belong to the first class, but I am again offering this matter to this convention for consideration. I cannot see any reason why this Association should not have a set of rules or a general standard to go by. Not so long ago a suggestion of such a standard was made by Robert H. Lloyd and printed (see page 55 of the January, 1928, issue of The Numismatist), and I recommend that the matter be again considered and an effort made toward this Association adopting certain standards for classification of coins.

No. 8.—The membership booklet which we so long sought finally reached us and I am sure every member will agree that it is a very fine piece of work. Only those who have ever had anything to do with a matter of this kind can appreciate what a tremendous task it was to get this booklet ready. Mr. Wormser should receive our warmest praise for his untiring effort to bring out this booklet. I believe the booklet should be kept up to date from year to year and therefore recommend that a supplement containing sheets of the same size as the booklet be gotten out each year giving the names and addresses of the new members added to the Association and the names and addresses of those who have dropped out of the Association for any reason whatsoever.

No. 9.—I wish particularly to thank those who have contributed toward making The Numismatist a success during the past year, and especially the advertisers who have continued to favor us with their patronage. I am hopeful that every advertiser has been satisfied with the returns received and I earnestly solicit your business for the coming year in order that The Numismatist may become a greater and better medium for your offerings.

The success and fine financial showing of The Numismatist this year must be entirely attributed to the work of its manager. Too much credit cannot be given to Mr. Duffield's never-failing, energetic efforts to keep The Numismatist a magazine of merit. It takes money to bring out a fine magazine, and there are but two ways for us to get the money. Subscriptions and advertising. I therefore earnestly urge every member to help get new subscribers and hope that the results obtained by the advertisers during the year will warrant their taking a larger space this year.

No. 10.—Certain appropriations were made last year for the purpose of advertising the association and The Numismatist. I believe the committee that handled this work was to continue, and at this writing I do not have a report of their work for this year. This committee no doubt will report later, but whatever they show as to results, I believe a certain amount of money spent for advertising is used for a good purpose. I know that from the bill's I have O. K'd. There has not been a large amount expended, and I most heartily recommend that we continue to have an advertising committee and that we authorize such committee to continue in their work of advertising.

No. 11.—Only one thing has come into the official life of the Association to mar the happiness and pleasure of carrying on the duties of the Chairman of the Board of Governors, and that was when word was received of the death of our friend Harry Sawyer. I surely would consider myself most ungrateful if I did not at this time acknowledge his kindness to me during the past year. Harry's letters and kindly encouragement and advice always helped to set me right on any matters that puzzled me. To many of you he was an old friend and you will feel his loss as such. But to me he was a new friend on whom I already had learned to lean, and whose advice I greatly sought, and so his friendship shall ever remain a bright spot in my memory.

The recommendations set out above are only offered to this convention in the hope that out of some of them there may be some action taken that will be of benefit to the entire Association.

Respectfully submitted,  
HARRY W. RAPP,  
Chairman Board of Governors.

August 1, 1928.

President Markus.—Ladies and gentlemen, you have heard this splendid report. What is your pleasure?

Motion carried that it be accepted with thanks.

Mr. Duffield—I would like to amend the motion that it be referred to the Committee on Resolutions, because Mr. Rapp makes a number of recommendations that should be acted upon, especially.

Motion carried. Carried.

President Markus—I wish to say a few personal words in this regard. In addition to the thanks that have been expressed to Mr. Rapp, he has declined under any conditions to remain on the Board for 1928 and subsequent years, much to our regret. I wish to extend my own thanks, sincerely and abundantly, for the courtesy and consideration he has always extended to the President and for the hearty cooperation he has given me and the Association at all times, and regret exceedingly that, owing to business conditions beyond his control, he has declined to be an officer of the Association.

Mr. Chapman—Might I ask that collections of coins were purchased from the numismatic collection at Washington, at will some time later when the reports, and your question will be answered. After all these fine reports have been read and acted upon it will be my sad duty to read my own report as President.

President Markus—May I interrupt to say that in the usual order of business something has been omitted.

President Markus—Thank you the suggestion. We will listen to the report of Mr. Duffield, editor and business manager of The Numismatist. Mr. Duffield—Ordinarily the Treasurer's report comes ahead of mine. President Markus—We will no listen to the report of the

#### Report of Treasurer.

##### RECEIPTS.

August 20th, 1927.	Balance on hand	\$ 894.50
Unused balance from Hartford Convention		71.35
September collections from H. T. Wilson		15.55
October collections from H. T. Wilson		13.00
November collections from H. T. Wilson		26.50
December collections from H. T. Wilson		56.90
January, 1928, collections from H. T. Wilson		183.50
February collections from H. T. Wilson		103.08
March collections from H. T. Wilson		118.00
April collections from H. T. Wilson		38.00
May collections from H. T. Wilson		28.50
June collections from H. T. Wilson		15.50
July collections from H. T. Wilson		9.00
Refund by The Numismatist for stenographer		22.66
Convention bars, buttons, etc.		18.94
Claim paid for damaged cases		40.00
Profit on and sale of Membership Lists		79.92
Interest on bank balances		12.08
Total		\$2264.58

##### Disbursements.

Vouchers from No. 104 to No. 142, inclusive	\$1073.43
Balance on hand	\$1191.15
Motion carried.	

GEORGE H. BLAKE, Treasurer.

President Markus—The Auditing Committee will take cognizance of it later on. We have also a Life Membership report from Mr. Blake to be read now in connection with that.

Report of Treasurer on Life Membership Fund.

Mr. Gillette moved that the report be accepted with thanks and referred to the Auditing Committee, with approbation of the good work done.

Motion carried.

President Markus—The Auditing Committee will take cognizance of it later on. We have also a Life Membership report from Mr. Blake to be read now in connection with that.

Report of Treasurer on Life Membership Fund.

Total amount on deposit as above \$1508.17

Motion by Mr. Gillette that this also be accepted with thanks, referred to the Auditing Committee.

President Markus—You have held particularly fine one because of the actions of so many members since our Hartford Convention. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

President Markus—We will no listen to the report of the

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## Report of the Business Manager.

To the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the A. N. A.:

Herewith is the annual report of the Business Manager of The Numismatist for the fiscal year ended July 31, 1928, compiled from the twelve monthly reports for the year:

## RECEIPTS.

From advertising	.....	\$2434.64
From subscriptions	.....	2880.95
From sale of back numbers, extra and sample copies (including 400 copies of the March issue to the American Numismatic Society, New York)	.....	842.69
From contribution for loan of cuts	.....	116.90
From postage advanced	.....	60.00
Total receipts	.....	272.94
Balance on hand a year ago (July 31, 1927)	.....	10.00
Aggregate	.....	25
		<u><u>\$5598.78</u></u>
		2185.53
		<u><u>\$7784.31</u></u>

## EXPENSES.

For printing The Numismatist	.....	\$2091.81
For cuts for illustrations	.....	1.05
For postage on The Numismatist	.....	1.00
For mailing and addressing The Numismatist	.....	2.00
For mailing envelopes	.....	
For salary of editor and business manager	.....	1250.00
For office postage of editor and business manager	.....	124.75
For photographs and photo envelopes	.....	57.17
For mailing and ordinary envelopes for business manager	.....	13.75
For large mailing envelopes with clasps	.....	1.96
For billheads for business manager	.....	2.50
For office expressage	.....	
For copy paper	.....	1.65
For heavy wrapping paper	.....	
For circulars and slips	.....	1.00
For index cards, twine, dating stamp, adhesive paper, typewriter ribbons and telegram	.....	4.60
For half cost of stenographer's services at Hartford Convention, 1927	.....	22.66
For affidavits on publisher's statements	.....	.50
For reimbursement to bank for uncollectable checks (afterward made good)	.....	5.80
For refund paid on subscription in error	.....	.25
Total expenses	.....	<u><u>\$4668.79</u></u>
Balance on hand July 31, 1928	.....	<u><u>\$3115.52</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,

F. G. DUFFIELD, Business Manager.

President Markus—You have heard the cheerful and cheering report of Mr. Duffield. What is your pleasure?

Moved by Mr. Gillette that it be accepted with thanks, referred to the Auditing Committee, and that we express our appreciation for the work done, which has been so successful. (Seconded and carried.)

Mr. Duffield—I disagree with both Mr. Rapp and Mr. Gillette. I do not think the good showing is due so much to the management as to the splendid patronage of advertisers the past year. We have carried more advertising the past year than ever before in the history of the Association. Member—if you did not have a good magazine you could not get advertising for it. So is reflects on the business manager.

Member—If you get too much money you will have to make a reduction in the advertising rates.

President Markus—We increased the rates a short time ago and have the sad news to tell you that we will increase them next year and we will have that much more money on hand.

The President read his address at this time.

## Report of President Markus.

I am profoundly grateful to address you as your President, having been made so by your suffrages, and it is my sincere desire to act in harmony with you at all times for the advancement of our beloved science. Success cannot be obtained in the conduct of affairs of this Association except by unified effort and a small sacrifice of time and effort on the part of each of us. I welcome criticism at all times and relish your ripping me up the back, but don't attempt it unless you can and do suggest something better. Criticism that does not suggest an alternative is unfair and destructive and should not be made. Such criticism generally comes from those who never attend a convention.

Only a few days ago I received a communication from a member criticising some adverse action taken at a past convention and suggesting what should have been done. Upon requesting him to put his objections in writing so it could be read to you, he objected, stating it is the duty of the President to bring up all such matters. Upon further protest from me, he declared the President of the A. N. A. should be a man of great versatility, capable and competent to bring any and all matters before the convention, with comments thereon. That would virtually be assumption of all functions which are the exclusive privilege of members to decide. As I am not very "versatile," I now and here warn you to select such a man as my successor. Neither am I omnipotent, which reminds me of the story of two Wisconsin boys who were walking home from Sunday-school. The one of serious mind wondered how, when he went to Heaven, he would get his coat on over his wings, to which the incorrigible one replied that what bothered him was how he would get his pants on over his tail! And so it is with me. I welcome constructive criticism, but it isn't the man who knows the most, but the man who knows the best that's wisest.

The members of the A. N. A. in the years to come, will remember us by what we did, not by what we failed to do, during our term of office. They will remember us all by the vision and courage we displayed in the fulfillment of duties and obligations assigned us. In fulfilling these duties and obligations we should pay but little regard to the personal efforts of our acts. These efforts we can all well afford to neglect if we do our duty well. And neither should any of us subordinate our obligations, our conscience or our sense of what is just, and what is just and right to personal feeling or prejudice; for we all have common interests to work for, and they are interests which are non-personal in their very nature. Our only aim and purpose at all times should be to work together for a bigger and better A. N. A., and I feel confident that we all will fulfill these obligations in a manner which will reflect credit upon ourselves and upon the offices we hold by mandate of the members. I do not wish to read you a homily or preach upon a sermon, but earnestly ask your cooperation for our common good as an Association.

I would request that some action be taken by this convention, and I ask an expression of your opinion as to what should be done with delinquent members. It has been past custom for the General Secretary to send notice to such members, and then turn the list over to the Chairman of the Board of Governors for similar action. Lastly, the list has been sent to your President for final notice to delinquents. I am entirely frank when I state to you that I absolutely refuse to write about 100 such notices after action stated above has been taken and members have not acted accordingly. Please give this matter such consideration as it merits.

It is my opinion that we have entirely too much money on hand which is not productive, and some action should be taken to place spare funds in an account which bears interest, as the time surely will come when we may have great need of such funds for necessity action. We must recognize this as a fact and deal with it wisely and economically. According to a statement by the Editor of The Numismatist, we have made more money this



New York Times (Classified)—Two insertions, Dec. 18, Jan. 1, total cost . . . . . \$ 14.99

2 miscellaneous inquiries.

Philatelic West—Two insertions, March and June, total cost . . . . . \$ 6.00

42 subscriptions . . . . .	\$ 42.00
2 renewals . . . . .	2.00
5 sample copies ordered . . . . .	1.25
6 renewals (2 direct) . . . . .	7.00
<b>Total amount . . . . .</b>	<b>\$52.25</b>

2 miscellaneous inquiries.

A summary of all these activities is as follows:

Total expenditure for advertising . . . . .	\$226.58
Total subscriptions received . . . . .	140
Renewals of subscriptions . . . . .	7
Subscriptions converted into memberships . . . . .	15
Miscellaneous inquiries and sample copies . . . . .	62
<b>Total cash collected . . . . .</b>	<b>\$177.25</b>

Comparing these results in respect to the amount taken in, the number of inquiries received and the number of permanent subscribers and new A. N. A. members, your committee considers this result fairly satisfactory, especially as a good many of the trial subscribers still remain to be followed up, their trial subscription not yet having expired.

The advertising in the New York Times classified columns was experimental and brought no results, which, of course, tends to make the showing less favorable.

The most gratifying result has been shown by advertising in the Philatelic and editor, who in order to be helpful and give a special expression to his interest in A. N. A. affairs, gave us a considerable amount of advertising space without charge.

It is also to be borne in mind that there is a possibility that the number of new subscribers and new members resulting from the campaign is greater than here shown, as some of the trial subscribers may possibly have sent their renewals or their membership applications to Mr. Duffield or Mr. Wilson direct.

Your committee offers an apology for not pushing the advertising campaign as vigorously as he felt desirable and for not starting advertisements in certain media which seem to offer a good field, and which he had planned to do, because it was impossible to devote the necessary time to this subject. As to a final conclusion, your committee firmly believes in the value of this advertising campaign and the obligation of the Association to continue it by reason of its being one of the purposes of the Association and an obvious means to spreading an interest and knowledge of numismatics among those who might offer a fertile ground as new collectors.

The committee heartily recommends the continuation of the advertising campaign along the present lines, with perhaps a 50 per cent. increase in expenditures during the coming Association year.

Respectfully submitted,

MORITZ WORMSER.

Mr. Guttag moved to accept the report with thanks and refer it to the Board of Governors.

President Markus—You can dissect and digest this report and you will find that it is quite an important one. You have heard the motion that it be referred to the Board of Governors. What will you do with it? (Seconded and carried.)

President Markus—if any particular part of it appeals to the Board of Governors to take action, they will do so. We would like to hear a report from the Chairman of the Committee on the Purchase of Coins.

## Report of the Committee on the Purchase of Coins.

The undersigned have been continued as a Committee on Purchases of Coins for the present 1927-1928 year of the A. N. A. You will recall that last year (1926-1927) we purchased a small lot of coins at one of Elder's auction sales. This lot has been catalogued and is ready for delivery to the National Museum, Smithsonian Institution, as an A. N. A. loan exhibition, and, barring unforeseen developments, will have been delivered to the custody of Mr. Belote before the Rochester Convention is in session.

At the Hartford Convention the sum of \$50 was appropriated out of 1927-1928 funds for further purchases and a small balance still remains unexpended out of the King fund.

During the present year no opportunity offered for attractive further purchases, but upon a discussion with Mr. Belote of the National Museum, it was deemed advisable that hereafter the A. N. A. continue to cooperate with the National Museum along the same lines but undertake the purchase of new issues for public exhibition as a permanent loan at the National Museum.

Final arrangements and approval have not yet been obtained from the National Museum, but your committee would suggest that they be given full power to enter upon such arrangements and to continue to make purchases within the amounts appropriated for this purpose during the coming A. N. A. year.

It is obvious that the Committee should be given a free hand and full discretion as to where and what to purchase. Your Committee would further ask that the 1927-1928 appropriation be reappropriated and that the further sum of \$50 be appropriated for the Association year 1928-1929; also, that the unexpended balance of the King Fund be used for the same purposes.

Respectfully submitted,  
MORITZ WORMSER,  
F. C. C. BOYD,  
HOWLAND WOOD.

Mr. Wormser read this report. He also said: "When this was written the committee had not quite finished its work. Since then, as suggested in the report, the coins have been received by the National Museum, and I hold here a receipt, which came to me in the mail this morning, that they were so delivered. Furthermore, I would state that we are receiving the hearty cooperation of the National Museum, which is very much in favor of this and we believe that this is one of the purposes which Congress had in mind when it gave the A. N. A. its charter. I have stressed this point before, and when it arose during the discussion at the time, as shown in the proceedings of Congress, the hope was expressed that in time we would be able to put the collection in Washington, and as we cannot afford a building of our own, we may help the National Museum in building up one. Fifty dollars a year is not much, but it is a start."

President Markus—Is the list you have available for publication?

Mr. Wormser—Yes.

President Markus—I have had a request for information as to what these coins consist of and I am answering the request by saying that he can ascertain by reading The Numismatist. Of course the list is to be seen at any time, but in the magazine the desired information is given.

Mr. Wormser—It is my intention to hand over a duplicate of this list. It is proper for me to keep this list for my own protection, but there will be a duplicate turned over to the Curator.

President Markus—A good suggestion.

Question—Was the \$50 given as a gift or as a loan?

President Markus—These coins are understood by the American Numismatic Association to be a loan to the United States Government.

Question—Recoverable by the Association at its option?

President Markus—Yes, undoubtedly. That may come up later and a discussion take place.

Question—Was it not stated as a "gift to the Government"? It seemed to me that it was.



Mr. Gillette—We are under standard time here. It is two minutes of 12. We have an early start this afternoon and I would suggest that we adjourn. One-thirty is the hour we start this afternoon. Possibly our members do not know the hour.

President Markus—This afternoon we will visit Kodak Park—the Eastman Kodak Plant—the largest plant of its kind in the world. Bear in mind, please, that the convention photograph will be taken during this trip and we want all the members' faces on it for future reference. There will be a theatre party this evening at the Eastman Theatre. Adjournment was then taken.

#### SECOND SESSION, TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 21.

The meeting was called to order by President Markus at 10.20. The first in order was the reading of a paper by Mr. Watson of Detroit, "Notes on the Bronze Coinage of the Manchu Dynasty."

President Markus—Gentlemen, you have heard the reading of Mr. Watson's excellent paper. What will you do with it?

A rising vote of thanks was given Mr. Watson for his excellent paper and motion was made that same be filed and published in *The Numismatist*. Mr. Watson—Mr. President and gentlemen, I thank you all.

President Markus—I have a few communications that have been received since yesterday.

Mr. Charles Markus, Care of Seneca Hotel, Rochester, N. Y.—August 20, 1928.

Mr. Charles Markus: With great regret I wish to inform you that I will not attend the A. N. A. Convention, as I was overcome with the heat on Saturday. I intended spending two days with you, but under the circumstances it is utterly impossible for me to dare to attempt to take a trip to Rochester.

WILLIAM HESSLEIN.

Lee, Mass., August 15th, 1928.

Mr. Charles Markus, President A. N. A., Rochester, N. Y.—My dear President Markus: I am enduring one of the great disappointments of my life. All my plans for a year back have been so arranged as to leave me free to be with you at Rochester from start to finish. Now I am laid aside by severe illness, so I must give up the trip. Perhaps you saw in the papers regarding the dreadful septic sore throat epidemic which devastated our little town beginning early in July. In less than three weeks it took 50 by death, prostrated by critical illness more than 250 and attacked in milder form nearly 1000 more, causing a monetary expense, directly and indirectly, of \$250,000. I was one of the first victims with a very light attack, which immediately showing a tendency to arthritis and developed, so I have been desperately sick for ten days, critically so. It is now some seven weeks. I can come to my desk for a few hours and strength is returning slowly. I am unable to walk except a few steps without assistance and still have almost unendurable pain. I know you will have a successful and enjoyable Convention. Rochester is our premier convention city and the Rochester bunch are leaders all. If you care to, please give my best wishes to all the fellows and express my great regret that I cannot be with you. With kind personal regards I am, sincerely yours,

CARL WURTZBACH.  
Bridgeport, Conn., Aug. 19, 1928.  
Dear Mr. Wilson: I am sorry that I cannot be with you this year and I hope you will convey my greetings and best wishes for a successful convention to the members present. Sincerely yours,

LEONARD KÜSTERER.

"Annual report of J. J. Gonzales, 645 Jackson St., N. E., Atlanta, Ga., District Secretary for Georgia, Florida, Louisiana and Alabama, respectfully submitted to the American Numismatic Association, convening in annual session, Rochester, N. Y., August 18 to 23, 1928.  
"I regret very much, indeed, business again prevents my being with you. On this occasion, therefore, beg to submit this report of my district. Traveling and other duties of our business failed to diminish, as I had hoped for

during the past year, and prevented my developing and doing 'follow-up' work with the limited number and latent interest on the part of those whose cooperation I had relied on. I shall continue, with pleasure, efforts throughout my territory and district in behalf of the A. N. A. and numismatics, trusting for at least proof of my efforts in their behalf. Hope also that you will adopt and be advised of some plan of mutual cooperation to create interest in local organizations. Awaiting your commands at any time and with earnest wishes for a most enjoyable and successful Convention."

President Markus—Mr. Wormser, can you favor us now with a paper? Mr. Wormser—I have received a few messages of greeting. I think we could almost hold a meeting abroad this year, as so many of our members have gone across.

Mr. Thomas Miller is very sorry to miss the convention. Greetings from Mr. Brodstone and a message from C. A. Bauman have been received, the latter from Rio Janeiro. He thinks The Numismatist is one of the best papers. Also from Waldo C. Moore, who has favored us with some papers. Do you want another paper? Mr. President? If so I would like to call on Mr. Robert H. Lloyd, who is, I think, attending his first convention. His paper is on "The Problem of the Silver Dollar."

Mr. Lloyd read his paper.

President Markus—Having been chairman of the Committee on Papers for a number of years, I wish to say that it is very pleasant and refreshing to have a member write a paper and read it in person at the convention. I think from his own experience Mr. Wormser will agree with me, because it relieves you of such extra exertion and shows that the person who presents that paper and reads it in person has a little more interest than one who sends it out at long range, and while those are welcome to those at the convention, they are not quite the same. This is an enlightening and refreshing paper and is along lines that appeal to every one of us, every day, and it is a fine exposition of the subject of silver dollars. What is your pleasure regarding this paper?

Moved that it be accepted with thanks, filed and printed in *The Numismatist*, also a rising vote of thanks be extended. This was done.  
Mr. Wormser—I am wondering if it would not also deserve being referred to the Resolutions Committee. It may be that it is his idea to take some action on this question of the silver dollar. Is it, Mr. Lloyd?

Mr. Lloyd—I do not think so. I have not seen anything in print proposing a subsidiary dollar. It was just my own idea. I did not bring my papers along, but I believe the subsidiary dollar is more practical than the gold dollar.

President Markus—I think it would be wise to accept the suggestion of Mr. Wormser and present it to the Resolutions Committee.

Mr. Wormser—With suggested resolutions such as Mr. Lloyd may have drawn up?

President Markus—It would be very nice.  
Mr. Wormser—That does not mean that we are going to back up Mr. Lloyd's ideas, of course.

President Markus—No, but an interchange of ideas is a good thing for us all.

Mr. Zerbe—In connection with the greetings I would like to extend to you greetings from the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society. Its very efficient secretary hoped to be here, but for an unforeseen happening he is disappointed and we are disappointed, because our members would enjoy meeting him. So it is my pleasure to extend greetings from the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society.

President Markus—I omitted something that I should have done the first day. I personally assisted in forming the California Coin Club, at Los Angeles, one of the newest ones, which is gradually growing to the proportions where it hopes to have the convention some time on the Pacific Coast and to guarantee as large an attendance on the coast as we have ever had in the East. The Dallas Coin Club also sends congratulations to this convention and their hopes for a successful session. Most of them have had their vacations, and as they are a considerable distance away they do not have the pleasure of attending conventions very often. Mr. Max Mehl, as well as I, is a member of the Dallas Coin Club. We would like now to have a report from the Librarian and Curator, Mr. Lange.

## Report of Curator and Librarian.

In presenting to you my report for the year 1927-28 I can only repeat what I have complained of at every meeting during my incumbency of office.

The interest shown by members of the A. N. A. in their Library and collection is almost nil. About 100 inquiries were received and as many coins have been received from a few members.

The main reason for this is that our Library is deficient in books of the most common interests—Crosby, Doughty, Chapman, Neil, on American coins. Cohen and Babelon and the splendid British Museum publications should be in our Library.

I believe that the best advertisement for our Association would be a well-conducted inquiry department where any information not only on coins but on all numismatic subjects could be acquired.

The Librarian is perfectly willing to furnish the work if the Association will furnish the tools, and I hereby suggest that the Board of Governors be empowered to spend the sum of \$500 to acquire the necessary material.

For the consideration of the next convention I also suggest the advisability of loaning all of our material of coins and bills to the National Museum and housing it in the Capital's collection, leaving the library for a reference service in its present place.

I further suggest that the service of our inquiry department be kept before the eyes of the members by a monthly announcement in The Numismatist.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL M. LANGE.

President Markus—In this connection I will state for Mr. Lange's benefit particularly, and for us all, that several complaints have been received regarding the charges for passing on coins, but what those are I will not elaborate just now. When this is referred to the Resolutions Committee they will take cognizance of those things and the matter will be brought up for discussion before the Convention. You have heard the report of the Librarian and Curator of the A. N. A. What will you do with it?

Mr. Duffield—I move to receive it with thanks and refer it to the Committee on Resolutions.

Motion seconded.

Mr. Wormser—I do not see why it is necessary to burden the Resolutions Committee with work which can be settled without. I would offer a resolution that for 1927-28 we appropriate the sum of \$50 toward the purchase of books for the library and the President be empowered to appoint a committee of three Rochester members to consult with the curator as to the purchase of \$500, if he gets \$50 a year for ten years we shall gradually build up a good library.

President Markus—You have heard the motion that \$50 be appropriated for the purpose of a library, etc.

An amendment was offered.

Mr. Duffield—I do not see how it could be accepted as an amendment. The two propositions are entirely different. One is to refer a report to a committee and the other is to appropriate \$50—entirely separate propositions.

President Markus—All right, let us go according to Roberts' Rules of Order. We will vote on the acceptance of the Librarian and Curator's report—that it be adopted and published in The Numismatist. (Seconded, and carried.)

Mr. Duffield—You stated that the motion was to have it printed in The Numismatist. My motion was to refer it to the Committee on Resolutions. President Markus—That is all right; that will be done anyway. You have heard the motion of Mr. Wormser, that the A. N. A. vote an appropriation of \$50 for the purchase of books for the A. N. A. Library. It has been moved and seconded. Any remarks?

Mr. Zerbe—Do I understand it is to be referred to a committee? President Markus—Yes. . . . resolution is withdrawn temporarily and will come up later on.

## President Markus—No officer?

Mr. Boyer—No one who knew anything about numismatics. We have a lot of newspaper publicity and no one was there to tell visitors anything. That is kick No. 1. I said to one who told me, "Why don't you put up this kick yourself?" and he said he did not want to.

President Markus—I was going to appoint you to do that job.

Mr. Boyer—Kick No. 2 was that there was not a copy of The Numismatist in the exhibit room to show a prospective member. President Markus—The point is well taken.

Mr. Boyer—No. 3 is the collections of Dr. French and Mr. Wormser are worth a lot of money and the electric lights are not good. Mr. Sternberg is the man who made this suggestion to me—that we put electric lights either in the cases or over them. In the case of Dr. French you cannot see the dates of the coins.

President Markus—Any comments?

Mr. Duffield—I want to refer to kick No. 2. Heretofore I have usually brought several back numbers of The Numismatist with me. My only reason for not doing so this time was that I wanted to make my grip as light as possible to carry. That is the only explanation I have to offer why there are not at least a few here. They are heavy.

President Markus—I apologize for my omission in not bringing them, but if I have anything to do with the Association another year I will guarantee that there will be at least a dozen copies of the magazine here.

A Member—My grip was so heavy the handle broke.

Mr. Sears—I think this Association should take at least fifty copies of the current issue and put them in a bundle and pay the postage to the hotel of the convention and nobody have to carry them.

Mr. Duffield—That is a very good suggestion.

Mr. Wilsgaard—May I speak of all the kicks at once? I know with five years' experience in this work, it is some job, I make this suggestion: To have somebody appointed who is willing and afraid to serve for anything not out of reason at the convention. Kick No. 1, I was a good one. Sometimes be there—three men at least—o.k. afterwards.

President Markus—In answer to Mr. Wilson's suggestion, I wish to state that for three years I conducted an inquiry department and had as many as 264 letters in a year and 95 per cent. of them concerned no postage and were of no interest to anybody except the writer. I furnished postage and for two years I answered every letter—every question—whether good, bad or indifferent, but it got to be such a burden I will contribute \$10 to the Association in behalf of any gentleman who will volunteer to answer these letters for me.

Mr. Duffield—Good suggestion.

Mr. Thomas—In the fall correctly, some ten or three years ago there was a loss of \$1000 in passing establish a committee. They were mostly selected from the convention. I do not know whose duty it is to name that committee, do not recollect the wording of the resolution, but it is a fact that such a committee was established a few years ago to function at every convention, and they were to see about publicity in the newspapers and to take care of the reports in an intelligent way. They were also to have power to look after the proper decorations in the main display room and outside of the headquarters or the meeting place in any city where the conventions were held. That is an established fact according to our records and it ought to be carried on. In reference to Part No. 2 by our friend, I would suggest in connection with that, that we all do that the convention time and place is a place and time for spreading publicity in regard to numismatics in the most effective way we should, if possible, have a number extra copies of the magazine printed for that particular issue, and distributed together with applications and talks on securing members at the convention place. I think it is very important and was in part the duty of this committee.

President Markus—I wrote to the members of the Rochester Numismatic Association regarding that very point, but it seems it has then by the way.

President Markus—Yes, . . .

the radio on radio. My radio was the first to do that, but . . .

had the pleasure of talking over the radio the other night for the first time in my life and have received letters and communications, and if the members are willing to listen for five minutes I would like to read this. (Mr. Markus read his radio talk.)

Mr. Guttag—My suggestion is with reference to an exhibitor. A man from out of town comes in, wants to see what is going on and what is new. I would suggest that the local body appoint a committee to see that there is always one of them ready to give out information and a word of explanation in the exhibit room. Yesterday afternoon there was a crowd around the cases trying to find out something, and nobody was there to answer their questions.

President Markus—Some action will be taken along that line before the next convention, to suggest to the local committee of the city where our convention is to be held.

Dr. Parker—The local body appointed three members as an exhibits committee to attend at all times to the exhibit. I think our local body is at fault for not seeing that some representative of the exhibits committee did not stay in the room. I am not on that committee, but am chairman of the local body and shall assume the responsibility. In extenuation I might say that perhaps the fellowship of the members in their automobile ride and exhibits committee, and if you will kindly refrain from bringing such charming ladies it may not happen again.

President Markus—I would say to Dr. Parker that his apology is not necessary and we will promise not to do it again.

Mr. Sears—I do not think it is necessary for Dr. Parker to apologize at all. I believe the only time the members have been away with the Rochester members was when they were entertaining the delegates who are here, and they were driving their own cars, and they should not be censured at all.

I do not censure them. I am not going to any conventions where they do not bring the ladies. I want to see the local ladies, too. If you don't believe that, watch me.

President Markus—It is not censure; it was only an expression of opinion. Some of them think they have fallen down.

Mr. Thorson—With the permission of our local chairman I would move again that the remarks pertaining to the Rochester club be stricken out. President Markus—The Chair rules that unless the Convention overrules me, I will stand by my decision.

Member—I appeal from the decision of the Chair.

President Markus—I am willing to be overruled, but I will not entertain the motion on my own accord. There is nothing there to take exception to or to hurt anyone's feelings, and I do not like the idea. You have expressed yourselves, and why not let others know the expression you have made, because there is no censure for anybody.

President Markus—Those are the ones we want to come here and help us, as I have said before. I have at least a hundred ripping me up the back because I did not do this or that. I am not omniscient, but I have written to these people individually. Do you wish your motion pressed?

Mr. Wormser—I withdraw the motion.

President Markus—Peace prevails again and no member of the Rochester Association need think for a single minute that we desire to censure anybody. It was simply an expression of opinion to which they will probably not take any exception or notice except good naturally.

Mr. Wormser—I have here some poetical productions which will, perhaps, add to the lyrics of the occasion. These are both by the poet laureate of the Association, Mr. W. C. Moore of Lewisburg, Ohio. The poems were read.

Vice-President Boyer took the chair.

Motion made that the poems be published in *The Numismatist*, with thanks to the author. (Carried.)

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Mr. Thorson—With the permission of our local chairman I would move again that the remarks pertaining to the Rochester club be stricken out. President Markus—The Chair rules that unless the Convention overrules me, I will stand by my decision.

Member—I appeal from the decision of the Chair.

President Markus—I am willing to be overruled, but I will not entertain the motion on my own accord. There is nothing there to take exception to or to hurt anyone's feelings, and I do not like the idea. You have expressed yourselves, and why not let others know the expression you have made, because there is no censure for anybody.

President Markus—Those are the ones we want to come here and help us, as I have said before. I have at least a hundred ripping me up the back because I did not do this or that. I am not omniscient, but I have written to these people individually. Do you wish your motion pressed?

Mr. Wormser—I withdraw the motion.

President Markus—Peace prevails again and no member of the Rochester Association need think for a single minute that we desire to censure anybody. It was simply an expression of opinion to which they will probably not take any exception or notice except good naturally.

Mr. Wormser—I have here some poetical productions which will, perhaps, add to the lyrics of the occasion. These are both by the poet laureate of the Association, Mr. W. C. Moore of Lewisburg, Ohio. The poems were read.

Vice-President Boyer took the chair.

Motion made that the poems be published in *The Numismatist*, with thanks to the author. (Carried.)

Mr. Wormser—The Chair called attention to the great pleasure of having these members take enough interest to be here and to read their own papers. We have one gentleman here who is kind enough to furnish us a special paper and who has done much for the Association in furnishing matter for publication and is to give us the benefit of his great experience. Mr. D. C. Wismer has given us a paper today on "Scott's Nine Hundred United States Cavalry." Will you read it, Mr. Wismer?

Mr. Wismer replied that owing to vocal trouble he would be unable to do so and the paper was read by Mr. Wormser.

Acting President Boyer—You have heard the paper of Mr. Wismer. What shall we do with it?

Moved by Mr. Guttag to accept with thanks and a rising vote. This was done.

Mr. Wismer—I thank the Association for their appreciation of my work. I have spent many a day and many a night in studying these subjects. A great deal of work has been done.

President Markus resumed the chair.

President Markus—we will proceed with the nominations for the ensuing year. Mr. Sears will read the names of those nominated.

Mr. Sears—It is my pleasure to present the following names:

For President, Charles Markus, of Davenport, Iowa.

First Vice-President, Alden Scott Boyer, Chicago, Ill.

Second Vice-President, L. A. Renaud, Montreal, Canada.

General Secretary, Harry T. Wilson, Chicago, Ill.

Treasurer, George H. Blake, Jersey City, N. J.

Librarian, Paul M. Lange, Rochester, N. Y.

Chairman of Board of Governors, Harry W. Rapp, Detroit, Mich.

For members of Board of Governors (four to be elected), Moritz Wormser, New York, N. Y.; Charles H. Fisher, Cleveland, Ohio; H. A. Sternberg, Dundee, Ill.; A. A. Grinnell, Detroit, Mich.; F. D. Langenheim, Philadelphia, Pa.; John E. Morse, Hadley, Mass.; Farran Zerbe, Tyrone, Pa.

President Markus—Nominations are in order for Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Mr. Rapp—Due to the fact that I have decided that it would not be possible for me to go on with this work, I wish at this time to withdraw my name as nominee for Chairman of the Board of Governors and I also wish to place in nomination the name of a man who is eminently fitted for this job and who every member will agree is the right man—Mr. Zerbe.

Seconded by Mr. Wormser.

President Markus—Any other nominations?

A Member—I have been requested to present the name of Arthur A. Grinnell, of Detroit.

Mr. Rapp—I am speaking for Mr. Grinnell, as the matter was mentioned by letter to him. He is a very busy man and at this time he is ill, and of necessity will have to ease up, and under no circumstances would he accept the Chairmanship of the Board of Governors. He definitely told me to announce that fact if it should come up.

Member—It was simply to place that before you. I have done my duty. Motion that nominations be closed. Seconded.

A rising vote was taken.

President Markus—Mr. Zerbe is the unanimous choice. It affords me great pleasure to inform you that you have been nominated for 1929.

Mr. Zerbe—It is a pleasure for me to have been so honored, and so far as I reasonably can I shall endeavor to serve you. I thank you.

Mr. Morse—I wish to withdraw my name. I absolutely cannot serve.

President Markus—I do not wish to discourage the efforts to have any man on the Board, but Mr. Morse knows his health better than anybody else and we cannot force him to be a candidate. Mr. Morse's name is withdrawn and also that of Mr. Langenheim.

Mr. Boyer—Leave him alone.

Mr. Langenheim—I do not want it.

President Markus—Your wishes are to be respected. There is no use of going against the wish of a member.

Cries of "Leave it on."

Mr. Langenheim (resignedly)—Leave it on.

President Markus—All right.



there is not a bank in Baltimore that would not be glad to receive our account with an average balance of \$1,000 a year and give us two per cent. interest per annum. I do not know what bank the editor of The Numismatist has in Baltimore, but I believe if he went to his bank and told them about it, if our bankers would do this, they would also. We have not an active account and it does not trouble them in any way whatsoever.

Mr. Duffield—We have a balance on hand of about \$3,100. It will be considerably reduced before the end of the year. Our receipts from now until the first of January will not equal the expenses. The Convention number is a large and expensive issue. I estimate that my expenses to the end of the year will reduce our balance to about \$2,500. If \$1,000 is transferred now it will leave about \$1500. If renewals are good next year we may be able to transfer \$1,000 more. I do not like to carry an account with a very small balance. In Baltimore they do not care for small balances. The First National Bank—which I use—is one of the largest banks south of New York and a balance of \$1,500 would be considered a small amount. I might possibly go lower without meeting objections, but as it stands now, that would be my suggestion. As far as I am concerned, you can take \$2,000 or \$2,500, and if you cripple the magazine it is up to the Board of Governors.

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Mr. Bauer—I do not think we are so close that we would want to make a few extra dollars. The standing of the A. N. A. is to be taken into consideration. Then our credit—our national credit. We want to do business and be flexible. I would call for Mr. Rapp's motion and am heartily in favor of it.

Mr. Wormser—Before the motion is put I would like to rise to a point of order. Is it a recommendation or a motion?

Mr. Rapp repeated his motion.

Mr. Duffield—Is it to be consolidated with the A. N. A. funds?

President Markus—It will be immediately available in case of any necessity. You can use it at any time the Convention desires.

Mr. Wormser—I think the question is called for. Will you give me the privilege of making some remarks? I refer to the deed of trust that Mr. Wilson gave when he gave the magazine to the Association. It is there provided that The Numismatist was to be managed by the Board of Governors, and as I understand this it was to be run as a separate institution, although the Board of Governors was the governing body of the A. N. A. Mr. Markus said these funds were to be handled by the Association. They cannot be mingled with the Association funds, if I understand it. The whole management of the magazine is in the hands of the Chairman of the Board of Governors and the Governors themselves. Consequently, I do not see how you can pass a resolution to turn it over to the Treasurer. I move that the manager of The Numismatist place these funds in an earning account. That will solve the whole difficulty. Why should he turn it over to the Treasurer?

Mr. Duffield—Would it be satisfactory to buy Liberty Bonds amounting to

er cent.? Or do you prefer a saving account at 4 per cent.? I would refer that it be turned over to the A. N. A. entirely.

President Markus—I heard with interest Mr. Wormser's account of the opposition of the Numismatist by the man who gave it to us and I do not think this would be violating that trust if placed in the hands of the Secretary or Board. It would be a deposit.

Mr. Duffield—Shall we lay the matter on the table, to be taken up tomorrow?

President Markus—We shall be swamped with business tomorrow, but I will accept the suggestion. The matter will be held in abeyance until tomorrow morning, with the consent of those who have made motions.

President Markus—We have Mr. Bauer with us.  
Mr. Bauer—We are very short of time. We are going to the Bausch and Lomb Optical Works, the largest in the world. They manufacture things that will interest you—magnifying glasses, glasses, spectacles, microscopes and everything of interest to many of you. They promise to have the pour-  
President Markus—In the evening there will be an auction sale of coins.  
Question—At what time?

**President Markus**—The ladies will have a theatre party at the new Rochester Theatre. This will take place at 6:30. The members will please govern themselves accordingly and be prompt so as to have the coin auction start at 7. The sale will be in this room.  
Adjournment was taken until 10 A. M. Wednesday.

THIRD SESSION, WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 22.

The third session of the American Numismatic Association was called to order by President Markus at 10.10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

President Markus—Mr. Wormser, have you something at this time?

Mr. Wormser—I have a paper, something in the nature of an inquiry, accompanied by a coin, which we will pass around for your information. The paper is entitled "Mint Marks, or What Have You?" by Will W. Neil. Mr. Wormser read the paper.

Mr. Wormser—With this he sends a specimen of a coin which has a rather odd-looking mint mark on it which he wants to be enlightened about. It looks like an "O" with a tail on it. (He passed it around.)

Mr. Rapp—I move the usual procedure.  
President Markus—It is moved that we accept with thanks, file and publish. (Seconded and carried.)  
President Markus—The next subject for this hour is the entertaining of invitations for next year's meeting. I have a few to read and there may be others who wish to place cities in nomination.  
A letter from the Mayor of Detroit and a letter from the Detroit Board of Commerce. These are not seconded by the Detroit Coin Club.  
There is an invitation from New Orleans from the Convention Bureau and

from the Chamber of Commerce. An invitation from a member of the A. N. A. at Toronto, seconded by some bureau, the Mayor and the Chamber of Commerce. From the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce, seconded by their Mayor. One from a lady member whom we have in Springfield, Ill., where Abraham Lincoln lived. Another says: "As the convention is coming close upon us, and I do not know what suggestions have been made for the convention next year, I thought I would suggest the West—the Pacific Coast or some place west of Denver," etc. Also an invitation from every member of the Chicago Coin Club, and that includes me, to meet in Chicago. Mr. Wilson also has some.

**Mr. Wilson**—This is supplementary to what Mr. Markus has stated, but I would like to have it on the record as it is from one who has been an enthusiastic member and has written us a very long letter, which I will not read at this time—R. M. Bateman. I have also an invitation from the Toronto Chamber of Commerce, Mayor and Council, the K. of C., the Convention Bureau, the Hotel Association, the Lions Club and the Rotary Club.

From Springfield, a telegram from the Chicago Association of Commerce, with Mr. Markus' invitation.

From the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Wormser—I also had a second to the Toronto invitation in the usual routine, and an important communication from an old standby, who intended to be here, but was not able to come because he has miscalculated his vacation time and arrangements. That is Charlie Fisher. He writes:

My Dear Wormser: It's my own fault—I can't get to convention. I thought it would be a week later and made arrangements to go East next week. I'm sorry. Here's the dope you present for me:  
At the last meeting our Club passed a resolution inviting the convention to Cleveland in 1929. I wanted to be there personally to extend it, but just can't make it. One is an invitation from the Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor of the City, and here's mine. We want you here. Every one will remember 1924 at Cleveland, one of the real conventions of the A. N. A. So I delegate you as my proxy to extend the invitation. Sorry I can't be with you. Regards to every one at convention.

From the Association at Cleveland, from the Mayor, J. D. Marshall; the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce seconding the former one; from Allen Smith, of the C. of C.

President Markus—Has any member an invitation to present?

Mr. Gilroy—Buffalo Numismatic Association joins theirs with the other invitations to hold the convention in Buffalo in 1929. Buffalo is, I think, justly called the Convention City of the United States. We have wonderful hotel accommodations. We can show you a good time, I am sure. We are only one hour from Niagara Falls—all the scenic beauty you will want to take in. And, as I understand, there has only been one A. N. A. convention held in Buffalo, in 1901. That was the year of the Pan-American Exposition. The Buffalo Association would like to see the A. N. A. hold a convention in Buffalo in the near future.

President Markus—I have had invitations from a number of cities like New Orleans, St. Louis, etc., from various organizations, but which are stock invitations—the usual ones. We have received no invitation from the Cleveland Coin Club to meet with them—nothing official.

Mr. Wormser—Why was it not official? It is absolutely so?

A Member—I will ask you right now, as a delegate, to come to Cleveland. President Markus—Invitations backed up by clubs are more important and much better than stock invitations from tourist bureaus, chambers of commerce, etc., who wish to get as many visitors as possible. I would like to hear from Mr. Guttag.

Mr. Guttag—I believe it would be for the interests of this Association if we would go out west of the Mississippi. We have never been on the Pacific Coast. I would not suggest at this time that we go as far west as the Coast, but to a city like Denver. There are enough collectors in that city to entertain us and no doubt they will organize a club. As to Cleveland, it has only been three or four years since we were there. Chicago will have an exposition in 1933. Why not wait for Chicago until then? Let us go somewhere where we have not been before. Get into different sections where we have collectors acquainted with our organization, so they will come to us. Buffalo is so close, not possibly more than an hour away, or two hours' ride. We should go where the atmosphere is entirely different and a new set of collectors, and get more interest in our organization.

Mr. Sears—one of the most earnest workers in the A. N. A. lived in Montgomery. He was a very earnest worker and he always wanted to see the convention held there, but he died before his wish was accomplished. I should like very much to see it go to the city of Buffalo for 1929.

Mr. Lawless—As secretary of the Chicago Numismatic Society I should like to put in a word for Chicago. We have been in the East more or less and we speak of Chicago as the West—to us it is East. It is the central 50th anniversary of the City of Chicago.

President Markus—Such diversification is much to be desired and you will kindly remember that at the proper time. Mr. Duffield—I would like to go to Buffalo next year, but we are meeting in Rochester this year and it is the same territory. Later on we would be glad to go there. I am sure I would favor Chicago for next year. I never had one in either place. In regard to Chicago for 1933, I think it would be proper to hold a convention there in a city where a large exposition is being held. It is impossible to keep our members together. So far as I concerned I would favor Chicago for next year.

A Member—I should like to k up the statement of the Chicago Coin Club. I should like to see Chicago have it.

Mr. Morse—Cincinnati has been mentioned and it is said that there has been no invitation. Last year we did have an invitation from that city, and if Mr. Brant had a chance he would repeat it. It was respectfully held over. President Markus—I will state that I had a communication from Cincinnati in which they have no instructions for next year, but for some year in the future.

Mr. Morse—We might put this to a vote to get an expression of opinion. All that we can do in convention is to get an expression of opinion, as the Board of Governors selects the city.

President Markus—I am glad Mr. Morse mentioned that. This convention has no legal right to set a place or time for the meeting next year, but the Board of Governors does this; they have the say, but they will regard this as an expression of choice by the members, and I do not believe they would entirely disregard the wishes expressed. The Secretary will read the names of the cities that have invited us and we will proceed to ballot. The point is well taken that New Orleans is not to be considered for the reason that it is a stock invitation. Neither is that of Springfield, at the present time, if we entertain Chicago. Nor Toronto for the same reason. That though I can assure you that we will get one from the Pacific Coast later on—and Buffalo and Cleveland. Is that all?

Secretary Wilson—I have received a letter from Dr. Bateman, and it is only a courtesy to mention that city as having invited us. Also Springfield and this lady, who is a member.

President Markus—We will include those cities and it will so appear in The Numismatist.

Mr. Wormser—I move that as on past occasions we eliminate the cities which are ineligible and that we have a rising vote in favor of the various cities and then vote on the two cities that have received the largest vote and that the convention recommend to the Board of Governors that the one receiving the largest number of votes be the next convention city. (Seconded and carried.)

President Markus—All those in favor of Buffalo rise. Buffalo received five votes. Toronto, 3; Springfield, Ill., none; Cleveland, 5; Chicago, 21; New Orleans, none. Mr. Wormser—I will restore the portion of my motion that we recommend to the Board of Governors that Chicago be the place of the next convention. (Seconded and carried.)

Mr. Zerbe—While the subject is foremost in our minds I would like to state for record that any time the Association should wish to go to the Pacific Coast I am privileged to say that the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society of San Francisco would be glad to receive and entertain them the best they can. In the past two years I have had some little stay there and I came here with an invitation from them. I replied that it would be so far away that our members who might be disposed to take the time and money would not find the time for transit and to see the many things of interest they would like to see along the way, and it would probably make the time too long, but I would like it to be on record that any time it would be to San Francisco, the latest string of cities in San Francisco.

President Markus—I will be in San Francisco in September. I talked with many members in cities as far as Phoenix and Portland and they all said they would like to have a convention held on the Pacific Coast and all those members would attend this matter of pride. We will know that within a radius of 150 miles of Hartford, Conn., the average attendance was not increased. When you consider the fact that we ought to hold a convention where the greatest number of members are, that was the result in Hartford last year, and in Rochester this year within a radius of 10 miles the attendance has not been stimulated. A good many would go to the Pacific Coast. Many would be able to attend from the near West Far West and extreme Pacific Coast to average above the number attending conventions in the last six or seven years. So which we get a legitimate invitation it is to be seriously considered by all the members, for the nature in the West and South. We have a club at Dallas and they are much interested and they were the first club in the South. Some of them would go to the Coast, when the subject comes up regarding the Pacific Coast.

Mr. Gillette—I am authorized to fill vacancies on the Committee on Resolutions and I have appointed Mr. Gilroy and Mr. Macalister. These recommendations are largely from the reports of the different officers. We are like representatives in Congress—we introduce, but do not necessarily favor them all, but these subjects should be brought before the convention be-

Mr. Gillette read them as numbered.

President Markus—As a matter of unfinished business, which takes precedence, I would like Mr. Rapp to address you.

Mr. Wormser—We should first accept this report. I move that the report be accepted with thanks and that discussion be taken up resolution by resolution.

President Markus—You have heard the motion. What will you do? funds which are now in the hands of The Numismatist, I wish at this time to withdraw that motion with the permission of the seconder, if he will allow me to do so.

Mr. Rapp—As the one who made the motion yesterday relative to the Board of Governors control of The Numismatist, I wish at this time to withdraw that motion with the permission of the seconder, if he will allow me to do so.

Mr. Wormser—You have my permission. Mr. Rapp—I spent a great deal of time last night going over the by-laws and the Deed of Trust, etc., and I find that the Deed of Trust gives the Board of Governors control of The Numismatist. A portion of it reads: "To hold and operate the said magazine under direct control," etc. I believe that the matter relative to the funds held by The Numismatist is not one that could come up on the floor of this convention. After reading this portion of the Deed of Trust I am convinced of this, and for that reason I wish to make a motion that this matter of the funds in the account of The Numismatist be placed where it belongs—in the hands of the Board of Governors.

President Markus—You have heard the able exposition of the Chairman of the Board of Governors, and as he has had ample time to look this matter over it is a subject that we cannot disregard. He has moved that the matter be left in the hands of the Board of Governors for such action as they may desire to take in connection with the funds on hand. Any remarks? (On vote it was so ordered.)

#### Report of Committee on Credentials.

President Markus—Secretary Wilson has a report to make.

Secretary Wilson—I was on the Credentials Committee and would report on the number of proxies. I received three from members who did not sign their names. There were 401 proxies—the largest we ever had.

President Markus—Bear in mind that your proxies have been returned to you and are to be filled out prior to 11:15, the hour for election of officers for 1929. These follow:

To the Officers and Members of the American Numismatic Association:

#### PROXIES HELD BY

H. T. Wilson	323	F. G. Duffield	3
L. A. Renaud	19	F. D. Langenheim	3
Harry A. Rapp	12	B. Max Mehl	3
Farran Zerbe	7	Elmer S. Sears	2
Moritz Wormser	5	George J. Bauer	1
W. C. Stone	5		
J. E. Morse	5		
Charles Markus	5	Total	398
Harley L. Freeman	4	Void	3
Geo. F. Marler	3	Total proxy ballots received	401

HARRY T. WILSON  
GEORGE H. BLAKE  
A. H. PLUMB,  
L. A. RENAUD,  
Credentials Committee.

Mr. Morse—As there is no opposition to the leading officers, why cannot we make the vote unanimous?

President Markus—That will be done at the proper time.

President Markus—You need not go to the trouble of filling in the names where there is no opposition.

Secretary Wilson—Before you act in regard to these nominations for the Board of Governors I will read the names again so you will know how to vote. (The names were read.) In addition we have added the names of Messrs. Sunday, Gilroy and Newell. It is up to the members to make their choice.

Mr. Wormser—I would move that the nominations for the offices of President, First and Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian and Chairman of the Board of Governors be made unanimous and the Secretary be empowered to cast one ballot for these candidates, thereby making it unnecessary to fill in the proxies for these offices.

Moved to adopt. Seconded and carried.

President Markus—It is unfortunate, but the members of the committee have all disappeared with the exception of Mr. Renaud. It is an imposition on him to do this work entirely alone. Will two members volunteer to assist him? (Two volunteered.)

#### Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Next was the reading of the resolutions and acting on each separately. No. 1—Whereas our President has, in his annual report, made objection to the custom which imposes on him the extra work of sending a final notice to delinquent members of the A. N. A. after the usual notices have been sent by the General Secretary and by the Chairman of the Board of Governors to such delinquents, and asked our opinion upon his duty in this matter. Resolved. That this custom be considered unnecessary. But we might suggest that the manager of The Numismatist supplement the efforts of the General Secretary and the Chairman of the Board of Governors in treating with such delinquents by calling to their attention the fact that the delivery of The Numismatist to such delinquent would be discontinued if delinquent dues be not paid in full by a certain date.

Motion for adoption by Mr. Gillette. Carried. No. 2—Resolved. That we recommend that the present committee on the publication of our membership list be commended for their excellent work in performing their arduous task in getting out the latest edition of the A. N. A. annual booklet; that said committee be continued and that they shall be instructed and empowered to provide another such annual booklet for the year 1929 at a date as early as possible in said year.

Motion for adoption by Mr. Lange. Seconded by Mr. Amberg. Carried.

No. 3—Resolved. We concur in the recommendation made in our President's report that we have too much money on hand that is not productive. Therefore be it

Resolved. That the Board of Governors direct the Treasurer to deposit our surplus funds in an interest-bearing account, to our credit in some bank to be selected by the Board.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Rapp.

Mr. Duffield—Does that refer to The Numismatist funds, or to the A. N. A. funds?

Mr. Rapp—The resolution has reference to funds of the A. N. A. I move its adoption.

President Markus—The Treasurer has already complied with this, so it would be advisable to adopt it. (Carried.)

No. 4—Whereas, from an examination of our records it appears that a small percentage of our membership attend our annual conventions. Resolved. That we recommend that a committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to investigate the causes of these conditions thoroughly and to make suggestions as to how interest in future conventions may be stimulated and the attendance may be materially increased.

Mr. Amberg—There are many members who are members of the Stamp Society first. I would like to have my motion read.

Mr. Gillette—They will take that into consideration; they have nothing to do with that.

Mr. Wormser—I am opposed to that resolution. I agree with the idea expressed that it is desirable to increase the attendance, but I do not see how anything can be done that is not being done now. You have appeals in The Numismatist before the convention and everybody knows that we have

success, and the officers are working hard, and anybody that does not come has simply his own loss. I cannot see any way to increase attendance. You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink.

Mr. Rapp—I am going to take an exception, and I don't care to be made chairman of this committee. I made the suggestion thinking that possibly some committee could work along the line of doing something to stimulate interest. There might be certain things we could do or could advertise or tell the members far enough ahead and begin work on them. That is the thing I had in mind.

President Markus—Spirited discussion is a benefit to the convention and diverse experience is good. I welcome this discussion.

Mr. Gillette—It may not be necessary to appoint a committee, but I know that something could be done to increase the attendance in some ways. One would be for our publicity committee to cooperate with the local committees and see that proper material be put in the papers. Some of our local committees are not very well versed in the work and certain things of general interest to the public are not always gotten into the papers, so if something could be done by our publicity committee to increase publicity it would increase attendance and would probably be better than anything else.

President Markus—I get your point.

Mr. Duffield—A committee of this kind might not do any good, but it surely could not do any harm, and so I favor it. I have tried for several years to find some new reasons for attending conventions to publish in the magazine, and it is getting rather monotonous. If somebody else can help me, I would be glad to hear suggestions, at least for publication in The Numismatist.

Mr. Zerbe—Circulating as I do over the country and meeting many of our members, it was surprising to meet some members who did not regularly read the magazine. They may be otherwise occupied, and the magazines may accumulate on the desk or table. I have met members whom I thought would be good convention prospects, and on speaking of the convention they would say, "Where is it?" I have asked them, "Don't you get the magazine?" and they said, "I have not had time to read it or look at it." And they will say, "If I can, I will try to get there," and "What do you do there?" It occurs to me that as the Secretary finds it necessary to mail proxies and ballots to every member, a formal letter might also be sent, setting forth the advantages of attending the convention, the circular letter to be prepared by a committee and to be enclosed with the proxies and ballots. That is my suggestion.

President Markus—A good idea.

Mr. Rapp—I think, while Mr. Zerbe's suggestion is a fine one, the proxies go out at so late a time, as they did this year, that it would be just a bit too late in many instances. It might be worked out, however, through a committee. And one more thing: In Detroit, Clinton—Edgar Guest—one of our best-known citizens, a man we all love. Many of you read his writings, but one of the things that we know him best by is the little poem, "It Can not be Done." You should read it.

Mr. Chapman—I think the time of our convention prohibits our members from coming. The time we prepare for our conventions nine times out of ten interferes with the summer vacation of the family of a member. They give up coming, preferring to go with their families to a summer resort, and I advocate that we come together through the winter months, especially in the big cities, and we could get an increased attendance. Many want to be with their families. In my own case it was so. I wanted to be with Mrs. Chapman and my daughter. They are at Lake Placid, and I believe we are making a mistake in holding our meetings in the summer.

President Markus—The custom has been to leave the date with the local committee, but a discussion will be productive of good results, perhaps. Mr. Sears—For several years I have heard Mr. Chapman offer that suggestion. Personally, it does not make any difference to me. I would attend whenever it was, but it has always been contended that our members were not able to get away any other time than the last two or three weeks of August. I would like to find out how many of the people here could just as well come September or October as in

be a guide for the Board of Governors. Just an expression of something to think about.

Mr. Duffield—It has been suggested that we postpone this until tomorrow morning and get a larger attendance to discuss it. I believe that you have more here now than you will have tomorrow. In 1919 we held a convention in Philadelphia, October 4-8, and the attendance was not larger than it was before or has been since. In 1916 a convention was held in Baltimore in September, with fewer members present than the average convention. The Philadelphia convention in 1918 was in September-October, and the attendance was not more than half of what it is today. Of course, we did not have the large membership then that we have now, but the year 1919 is a fair comparison and you will remember that that convention was not as large as this one. So if the date is postponed I do not think it would make any difference, and in the winter time we would have still fewer.

Mr. Wilson—Let all those rise who prefer August.

Mr. Wormser—I think the whole discussion is out of order, because we are discussing a resolution, but I would like to say that nothing has impressed me like a letter I had from a member when we had planned to have a convention at another time, and that was the remark, "We cannot come after August, because our children have to be in school." Our conventions are somewhat family affairs and the children are brought along. Summer is the vacation time.

President Markus—Our action will not be mandatory, but I would like an expression from you. All in favor of meeting later will rise.

President Markus—Mr. Chapman, you are seconded under.

Motion to adopt. Seconded and carried.

Secretary Wilson—The polls close in five minutes. We want the proxies and all ballots in.

No. 5—Whereas a committee was appointed and \$50 appropriated last year by the A. N. A. for the purpose of furnishing suitable coins for a loan exhibit to the National Museum at Washington, and a very creditable start has been made:

Resolved, That we recommend that for the coming year \$50 be appropriated, and if the committee shall require an additional \$50 for its use, that said extra \$50 shall also be appropriated for such purpose, and that the unexpended balance on hand of the King fund be also reappropriated.

Motion to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Antes, Carrow.

No. 6—Resolved, That we recommend that the Local, the Committee composed of Dr. J. M. Hennison, Chairman, and Messrs. William A. Ashbrook and Hon. Roy C. Fitzgerald, its members, thereafre be continued and we trust that they may, by convincing the United States Government that it will be advisable and expedient to establish a Federal Depositary of Numismatics. We further recommend that the Chairman of the Board of Governors appropriate such funds as he may deems advisable or expedient to assist the present committee in securing a favorable action by the Government upon the proposed measure.

Motion to adopt. Seconded and carried.

No. 7—Resolved, That Moritz Wormser, our Committee on Advertising, be commended for the fine results obtained through his advertising campaign of the past year, and we recommend that such committee be continued and that the Chairman of the Board of Governors appropriate such funds, not exceeding \$500 annually, as such committee may require, for such advertising program for the coming year.

It was suggested that the amount named was too much, and Mr. Gillett explained again.

Mr. Chapman—But we give authority for it, we have such confidence in them or I would be opposed to it.

President Markus—I think this subject is to the approval of the Board of Governors?

Mr. Wormser—It is, I believe.

Mr. Wormser—With the concurrence of the Chair of the Board, A Member Our committee has been rendering great service to the Board.

Mr. Wormser—I am perfectly willing to have it reduced, because I have no intention of spending to exceed \$500, if you want to reduce it.

Moved to adopt. Carried.

No. 8—Resolved. That we recommend that additional District Secretaries be appointed by the President upon recommendation by the General Secretary, whenever or wherever they may deem such appointments advisable or necessary to promote and take care of our interests in any District.

Adopted unanimously.

No. 9—Resolved. That the A. N. A. approves and favors the continuation of the issue by the Government of the paper currency in the denomination of \$2, and we respectfully suggest that there should be such a \$2 bill that would not be easily confused with other denominations of currency; and we consider that such a bill would be a convenience and economical unit in our currency and its use and popularity might be distinctly increased; and we further recommend that the Treasury Department of our Government be informed of these recommendations.

Adopted unanimously.

No. 10—Resolved. That the A. N. A. petition the Treasury Department to provide a representative, clerk or agent in a similar manner as the Post Office Department has done, who can and will supply newly-minted coins and paper money to collectors as soon as same are issued at face value or at such price more than face as may be determined to be reasonable, all expenses of registration, insurance and postage to be paid by the buyers.

We further recommend that if such a general agent's appointment shall not be deemed expedient, we request that the branch mints shall furnish a deputy who will supply collectors with specimens of their annual coinage upon like terms as hereinabove requested from such a general agent of the Treasury Department, and that this subject be taken up by our President with the Treasury Department.

Motion to adopt. Seconded and carried.

No. 11—Whereas, pursuant to a suggestion of our Curator and Librarian made last year that the A. N. A., through its Board of Governors, in conjunction with the Curator of the collection of the A. N. A. and that of the Federal Government at Washington, formulate rules and regulations defining the proper attribution of coins to be advertised or sold by dealers or at private sale by mail, which shall form a standard and guide both for public and private sales. (This suggestion was presented in Resolution No. 5 at the 1927 Convention, which was tabled.)

Resolved. That we recommend that the President appoint a committee of five members, of which we recommend that Robert H. Lloyd shall be either chairman or a member, whose duty it shall be to examine this matter and to report to the next convention such rules and regulations as they shall deem to be practicable and advisable in the attribution and classification of coins, which, if adopted, may assist the A. N. A. in forming a standard for future guidance in the premises.

Mr. Gillette—The reason Mr. Lloyd is named is that it was his motion and he has already done some work along this line.

Motion to adopt. Carried.

No. 12—Resolved. That we recommend that the A. N. A. procure annual insurance that will protect from loss by fire the exhibits made by our members at each annual convention.

Mr. Gillette—This suggestion was made by Mr. Bauer, and such coverage can be secured at any time locally.

Motion to adopt.

A Member—What does it cost?

Another Member—A small amount.

Mr. Zerbe—if I understand aright, this is fire protection during the convention. I doubt very much whether we could obtain such a policy. I have had some experience in such matters and I do not recall an occasion when any of us were in any way nervous or sensitive over the protection of our exhibits from fire. I cannot see the practicability of that resolution. Our exhibits are always in fireproof places, and we would not select a place not surrounded by reasonable safeguards, and we all refused.

Mr. Rapp—I tried it in Detroit when the convention was there. Mr. Zerbe all refused.

had his coins there and the officers did endeavor to get insurance, but could not.

President Markus—The experts have expressed their opinions. Do I hear a motion?

Mr. Wormser—in taking out insurance there should be a limit set as to the cost. It is apt to be very high, but no individual or member should have a right to do it without consulting with the Board of Governors.

Mr. Lange—The information I received from the insurance company was that for \$50,000 insurance the premium would be about \$500 for five days. Mr. Gillette—Mr. Bauer has a valuable collection, and this is only a suggestion.

Mr. Dunham—My experience is that the convention could get insurance for ten days for \$400.

President Markus—You have heard the motion. We will vote.

Motion lost.

Mr. Wormser—It is time to hand in the ballots and close the polls.

President Markus—We have only one more resolution. It will take but a minute.

No. 13—Whereas many A. N. A. members are also members of Philatelic Societies;

Resolved. That we recommend that our officers consult with the officers of the American Philatelic Society as to the date of its future conventions so that the dates of the respective conventions will not conflict.

Mr. Amberg—at the 1925 Philatelic Convention at Washington several people told me that they would like to attend both the philatelic and the numismatic conventions, but would prefer the stamp convention. They overlap each other, and do not give a chance to attend both conventions. The stamp convention is in Toronto, commencing tomorrow. I only desire that they do not overlap.

Mr. Gillette—Our action is not mandatory; simply a good thought.

Motion was adopted.

President Markus—in accordance with the resolution adopted, the polls close at 11:45 this morning. Have your ballots in or they will not be counted.

No. 14—Whereas, our Librarian asked that an appropriation be made for the purchase of books for the A. N. A. Library.

Resolved. That the sum of \$50 be appropriated for the current year for this purpose and that the President appoint a committee on books, consisting of three members residing conveniently near to the Librarian, and that all purchases of books shall be made pursuant to a majority vote of such committee, especially as to the price and source of purchase.

Motion to adopt carried.

Mr. Wormser—I would like to do something that is perhaps a little strange. Unfortunately, I was detained and did not know the discussion was going on and Resolution No. 1 on delinquents was passed, was it not?

President Markus—It was.

Motion seconded by two members.

President Markus—Please state why you wish it reconsidered.

Mr. Wormser—I will tell you my reasons. I would like to reopen the subject. I think the efforts to follow up delinquents should not be dropped. It has taken hard work to get them, and there may be many reasons why a member does not renew. He possibly had no reason sufficient or his bills may have gone astray. For a number of years we have had a system of putting the labor upon some one to follow up delinquents. It often happens that the Secretary is rushed and does not send out the second and third notices, and if it is officially checked and his official notice delivered he would know that we were really anxious to keep him in the Association. This year the number dropped is over one hundred. I feel sure that a few of these could have been salvaged. It is not such a difficult thing to write them a letter. The multigraph is a great help. For three or four dollars you can get out a multigraphed letter, sending the same letter to all. With two cents for postage we may salvage ten or more members. Some years I have kept it down to thirty or forty but this year they are over a hundred.

The discontinuance of the magazine does not seem to help in keeping certain members in the Association.

was passed changing the price of The Numismatist to a dollar additional at a certain time. I think for this slight additional work we ought not to drop those who have fallen by the wayside. A special committee might be appointed to follow up the delinquents if the task is too hard for the President. If you think it is in order, I would like to move as a substitute that the matter of delinquents be referred to the special committee.

Mr. Gillette—Or the Board of Governors?

President Markus—I have stated that it was a mere matter of drudgery and I would not do it. But I am not so hard-hearted or stiff-necked that I will not graciously obey the mandates of this convention, and if you decide to have me reconsider what I said, I will gladly do it. I assure you that it is drudgery on the part of the President. I am still of the same opinion, but Mr. Chapman—A man who won't pay after he has had two notifications and the stopping of his magazine is not worth talking about. The sooner he is dropped the better.

Mr. Duffield—When the resolution came up originally I did not have anything to say, because there did not seem to be much discussion, but you will recall that at Hartford last year we passed an amendment making the price three dollars for those who renewed after April 1st. That had a good effect in making quite a number renew earlier, and I hope that plan will be continued, notwithstanding that on April 1 there were about 130 who had not renewed up to that time. They were discontinued. Since that time there have been probably fifteen or twenty renewals, but not one of those remitted the three dollars, but the same old two dollars, but they lost one, two or three issues of the magazine, according to how late they were, for I did not furnish those back numbers to them. Mr. Wormser says that this year there were over 100, but before that not more than thirty or forty.

Mr. Duffield—If you will examine the reports for five or six years you will find that each year about 100 did not renew, but some came later. But the change in the price made for the magazine made many renew earlier than there has been the same number who failed entirely to renew. I think it has been about 100.

Mr. Gillette—Did The Numismatist notify the members that the price would be increased?

Mr. Duffield—I published a large display notice in the magazine every month for six months, saying that the increased price would take effect April 1st, and if renewals were not received the names would be taken from the list.

Mr. Rapp—Now that the subject is up again I will say something about it. I do not believe we shall gain much by the efforts of local committees for getting these members back in this way. When I was president I hundred had dropped out this year and thirty-six took their place. I think perhaps I had failed down, but it was not my fault, because I never had a full official list of the delinquents; but if I had, I would not have written to the officers, because I believe it is the duty of the Secretary and Manager to see that such members are retained in the fold; and if they do not respond after due notice, but prefer to be dropped, then it is up to let them go. And I do not think that the Chairman of the Board of Governors or the President should be burdened with the additional letter-writing to keep them.

President Markus—There was no criticism. I have a suggestion: Let the list be turned over to the Publicity Committee, and let them endeavor to get any of those who will come back. It might be a salutary way.

Mr. Sears—I think the last speaker is entirely right. The President should not think that he or the Chairman have to write or that this convention expects them to solicit members who have been dropped.

President Markus—I will reiterate everything I said in that regard, and will subordinate my desire to you and how to the mandates of this convention, regardless of my own personal opinion, and if you desire to have me continue along those lines I will do so.

Mr. Gillette—I would suggest that the matter be left to the Chairman of the Board of Governors and the Publicity Committee, and that they consider this as a custom that the President has been particular

Mr. Rapp—I believe the entire discussion is out of order as well as the resolution. Going back to the Deed of Trust, the entire matter belongs in the hands of the Board of Governors. It is not for the floor of the Convention.

Mr. Gillette—I believe that our resolutions are practically advisory to the Board. You are the ultimate authority, but sometimes the President asks for information on these matters, as to whether he ought to be required to do so and so.

Mr. Dunham—We cannot make you an executive officer; you are a presiding officer.

President Markus—Nevertheless and notwithstanding. I am willing to do all that I possibly can that the convention desires. I am not going to shirk anything, although I am still of the opinion that it is an imposition on the President to do this. The resolution stands. What shall we do with it?

Mr. Zarbe—I would offer an amendment that if he referred back to the Resolutions Committee. (Adopted.)

President Markus—Mr. Gillette, kindly take notice. Mr. Wormser, have you a paper you wish to read?

Mr. Wormser—I have here a communication from an old friend and this is a good place to read it. It is from a gentleman I asked to contribute a paper, and, owing to the press of time he was unable to do so. You will be glad to hear from him—Mr. Godard of the State Library of Connecticut.

Hartford, Conn. August 21, 1928.  
Mr. Moritz Wormser, American Numismatic Association, Hotel Seneca.

My dear Mr. Wormser: Yours of the 17th instant duly received. I regret exceedingly that I can be present with the many duties of the Association, etc., meeting in Rochester, in spirit only. My secretary on vacation keeps him exceedingly busy and very close to the State Library.

The fact that as Vice-President (General) of New England of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, to be in inability of the National President to the present, I am to take part in the exercises at the Sesquicentennial of the Battle of Rhode Island, at Providence, on the 29th instant has prevented me from doing several things that I planned. I have in hand the preparation of a brief paper covering a somewhat unique addition to our Joseph C. Mitchellson Collection. It is nothing short of children in Connecticut, of which "Pennies" have been forty-four Royal Arthur English pennies to show through those eight-eight medals of each chapter. These forty-eight chapters are scattered throughout the history of these states. (See Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, etc.) The medallions are arranged in parts of a circle, with the Royal Arthur pennies, and in our sandwich a two-dot-square exhibit of "Pennies" is included with the name and the number of the chapter and the town in which it is located.

I wish I had the time to describe these "Pennies" to the members of the Association and wish that you were all here at the Connecticut State Library again this August, 1928, as you were last August, 1922, for we would enjoy having you here again.

Regretting that I can be with you at this time in Rochester only in spirit and regretting that I have been unable to give the paper I had outlined for your program, I remain, with greeting, congratulations and best wishes for all.

President Markus—If there is no objection this communication will be read.

Mr. Zarbe—I would like to address the convention briefly. I have here an interesting exhibit. It has been on exhibition in the next room, under my name. It is a recent acquisition; that is evidence that I had on line. This specimen belongs to Mr. Henry Chapman, but he isn't calling. He has taken a fancy to this little note. It was to a man that he has caused a desire to own it.

GEO. S. GODARD, State Librarian.

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colonial and continental paper money of the States from which our great nation has grown. It would be a great loss if Mr. Chapman's information should not go on record. He has given us a monument in his wonderful catalogues. But they will not serve longer than greater catalogues in the future. If Mr. Chapman were to give to us as soon as he can the manuscript to be later published, if necessary—his knowledge of the Colonial and Continental paper money—he would leave a more lasting monument.

(Mr. Zerbe presented the note to Mr. Chapman.)

Mr. Chapman—I shall make an effort to get out the Continental paper money manuscript even if it is a forerunner. I had hoped and desired to get it out, and I think it will show us a great deal that we do not know. The note I have (referring to the note) is a year earlier than this. But I never noticed that until two years ago. Mr. Zerbe has discovered this and it is different from anything I have had. I accept it with my best wishes to you, and shall try to reciprocate by getting out that catalogue.

Mr. Zerbe—I believe you have full information on the subject and could compile a comprehensive list.

Mr. Chapman—I cannot help but say that I cannot see why men are so indifferent to the colonial paper money.

President Markus—Courtesies and felicitations like this between Mr. Zerbe and Mr. Chapman are very pleasant and add greatly to the interest of the occasion, and I hope there will be more expressions along the same lines. I wish to call the attention of the members to the fact that this afternoon is to be devoted to visits to the Municipal Museum and Memorial Art Gallery. Special cars will be on the subway and I suppose the intention is to start in a body from the door. The banquet is in the evening.

Motion to adjourn. Carried.

## FOURTH SESSION, THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 23.

The closing session was opened in the Blue Room of the Hotel at 10.30 A. M. by President Markus.

President Markus—Mr. Wormser has a paper to read, I believe. Mr. Wormser—I will read the paper, entitled, "The Holey Dollar," by Mr. Reed, if you desire.

Moved to publish in The Numismatist, being accepted with thanks.

## Report of Elections Committee.

Mr. Renaud—I would like to read the report of the Elections Committee. There being no contests for the offices of President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, Librarian and Chairman of the Board of Governors, these names will be the same as the officers of last year. The new chairman of the Board is Mr. Zerbe, of Tyrone, Pa. The total number of votes cast was 427, and five were void.

The members of the new Board are: Mr. Wormser, Mr. Sunday, Mr. Sternberg and Mr. Langenheim.

To the Officers and Members of the American Numismatic Association; Following is the report of the Elections Committee, with number of votes cast for each candidate.

For President, Charles Markus, Davenport, Iowa	.....	Unanimous
For First Vice-President, Alden Scott, Boyer, Chicago, Ill.	.....	Unanimous
For Second Vice-President, L. A. Renaud, Montreal, Canada	.....	Unanimous
For General Secretary, Harry T. Wilson, Chicago, Ill.	.....	Unanimous
For Treasurer, George H. Blake, Jersey City, N. J.	.....	Unanimous
For Librarian, Paul M. Lange, Rochester, N. Y.	.....	Unanimous
For Chairman Board of Governors (four to be elected);	.....	Unanimous
Moritz Wormser, New York City	.....	399
W. H. F. Sunday, Rochester, N. Y.	.....	351
H. A. Sternberg, Dundee, Ill.	.....	312
F. D. Langenheim, Philadelphia, Pa.	.....	312



Maximilian, Napoleon Bonaparte, Lord Wellington, Queen Victoria, or the great men of history of our own country. Their letters and papers are priceless possessions, so what would not be authenticated coins of those mentioned.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone within the sound of my voice to visit and examine our exhibited treasures shown in connection with our annual convention. Bring in your coins for inspection and valuation, ask questions and obtain new information in regard to them.

Our members range from the young hedging collector to the veteran of many years' experience, and now eager and anxious young collectors are to absorb knowledge when they listen to a spirited discussion.

Our Association met in Rochester in the years 1912 and 1917, and those who enjoyed the hospitality of the Rochester Club in those years are here again for a repetition of the hospitality and good cheer shown us by those princes of good fellows, the "Rochester bunch."

Good-night and thanks to WHAM and to those who "listened in."

## The Convention Exhibits.

The twenty cases belonging to the A. N. A. were filled with exhibits brought by visitors and by the Rochester members. Of most of the exhibits it is impossible to give more than a general description.

WILLIAM F. DUNHAM, Chicago, Ill.—Mr. Dunham's case contained only a few coins, but they were all exceedingly rare and in splendid preservation. They were: \$20 gold, 1875; \$3 gold, 1875; half dime, 1792; half cent, 1852, large berries; \$10 gold, 1798; half dime, 1802; silver dollar, 1804; gold, 1875; \$2.50 gold, 1797; dime, 1804; \$5 gold, 1822.

RUD. KOHLER, New York City—In Mr. Kohler's case were 106 gold coins of 20-franc size, from 4 different countries, which he styled "The International Coin—the 'Nap' and Its Equivalent." In addition he showed a number of larger size gold coins, a U. S. \$4 piece and the new Captain Cook commemorative half dollar.

GEORGE A. GILLETTE, Rochester, N. Y.—Mr. Gillette showed three cases of silver and bronze medals, mostly of European origin.

FARRAN ZERBE, Tyrone, Pa.—Farran Zerbe exhibited selections from his most recent acquisitions. The showing included financial documents relating to the French and Indian war, 1755; and various checks and other financial documents signed by John Hancock, 1774; Alexander Hamilton, 1774; M. Fillegas, 1779; Albert Gallatin, 1808; W. P. Fessenden, 1856; Salmon P. Chase, 1861, and F. E. Spinner, 1862. Also, British exchequer note, 5 pounds, "a farthing a day interest," 1807; Boer war emergency note, 1903; receipts for slaves; new paper money of Persia and various specimens of early U. S. government checks. What is probably the earliest United States association with emergency money issued relating to the World War was shown in an issue by the American Express Company, Rotterdam, Holland, dated August 1, 1914. The note is for one guilder. Dutch currency, and is a type printed blank with value rubber stamped and pen dated and signed by the company's representative. Post-war wooden money of Australia, large silver ring money of Kurdistan and various gold coins in mint state were among other specimens shown.

MORITZ WORMSER, New York City—Mr. Wormser showed two cases of "square coins." In one case was a label describing the circumstances under which coins of this shape have been struck, as follows:

"The majority of the pieces here exhibited are actual coins, although some of the several classes probably never were in actual circulation. Some of them are struck from their own dies, others from the dies of regular round coins, as special strikings. In a vague way, they may be grouped somewhat as follows:

"First Group. Siege and Emergency Coins—These were struck in various countries during the stress of war and necessity and had to be turned out

hastily from temporary mints and with insufficient tools. They usually are less elaborate than the regular coinage of the realm; often uniface, i. e., the design shows on only one side; the reverse remains blank.

"Second Group—In this group may be placed coins struck from square dies for special occasions. Some countries excelled in these issues, which form an attractive series. For instance, the Saxon Klippe talers, given as awards to victorious marksmen in shooting contests. A similar and rarer series has been issued in the German province of Brandenburg-Franconia.

"Third Group. Commemorative Pieces—Somewhat related to Group 2, because struck in commemoration of certain events, but rather of metallic character. In this group will be found a modern continuation of the Saxon shooting klippes in the shape of medals struck of coin size and weight for German shooting festivals during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Also a number of metallic commemorative coins.

"Fourth Group. Special Countries—Square coins struck from regular coinage round dies, the issue of which has been popular in certain countries, such as Transylvania and Salzburg.

"Fifth Group. Trial and Presentation Pieces—Coins struck as square pieces from round dies, probably as special trial or presentation pieces, either presented by the mint master to the ruler to create curiosities, or to better show off what a proposed coinage would look like; or else struck upon the command of the ruler as special presentation pieces to favorite friends or fellow rulers.

"Sixth Group. Regular Coin Issues—In a very few instances coins were struck in square shape for regular circulation."

MRS. MORITZ WORMSER, Woodmere, L. I., N. Y.—Mrs. Wormser showed a number of medals of musicians—Beethoven, Mozart and Schubert.

JOHN E. MORSE, Hadley, Mass.—Mr. Morse had a case of paper money

principally issues of Eastman Business College, under various names, used by the college.

ELMER S. SEARS, Swansea, Mass.—Mr. Sears had on exhibition a number of interesting items, including a sheet of four notes of the First National Bank of Memphis, Tenn., 1865, \$1, \$1 and \$2; 50 cents fractional currency, signatures of Spinner, Allison and New; Maryland shilling, sixpence and threepence; gold coins of Java; gold bullet money of Siam; three Bryan tokens, new varieties; ducaton of Antwerp, 1751; doubloons of Peru and South Peru; a stater of Aegina, 750 B. C., one of the first coins struck; 8 escudos of Argentine Republic, 1813, the first gold coin struck by any South American republic; \$1 Desert National Bank of Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, Nov. 15, 1872, signed by Brigham Young; U. S. \$4 gold piece; tetradrachm of Athens, 500 B. C., earliest type; Australian sovereign, 1873, known as "Ricketty Dick"; rarest coin of Australia; Hindustan gold mohurs; Lauzon tokens, Canada; \$1000 Confederate note, uncirculated; \$500 slug, Humbert, Adams 13-A; silver ring money of Africa; 18 fanum of India, smallest gold coin; a Granby threepence and some of the ore from which the Granby pieces were struck.

GEORGE H. BLAKE, Jersey City, N. J.—Mr. Blake showed a case of various denominations of United States currency.

DETROIT COIN CLUB, Detroit, Mich.—A case of Michigan broken-bank notes and the Detroit Coin Club medal recently issued.

JOHN G. WATSON, Detroit, Mich.—Coins of the Manchu dynasty, China. This exhibit was in illustration of Mr. Watson's paper read at the convention.

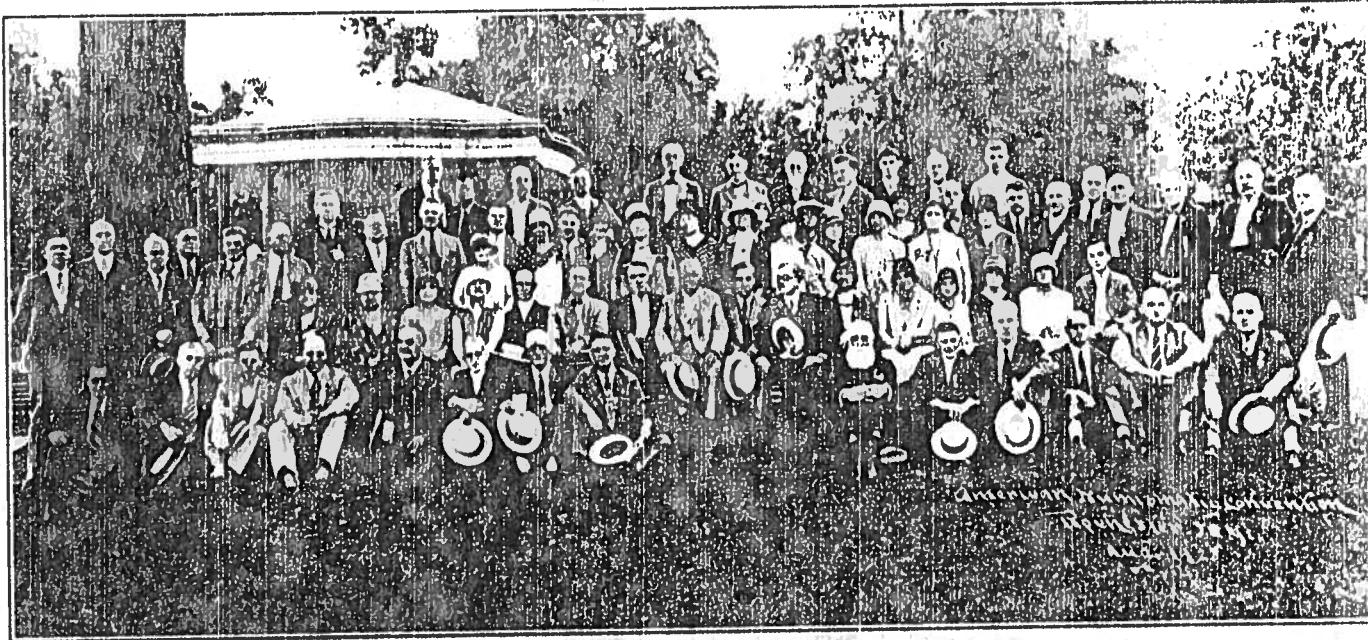
A. A. GRINNELL, Detroit, Mich.—National bank notes of Michigan, also broken-bank notes of Michigan.

WILLIAM F. SUNDAY, Rochester, N. Y.—A collection of United States cents, half dollars and silver dollars.

DR. GEORGE P. FRENCH, Rochester, N. Y.—Dr. French had on exhibition his wonderful collection of United States large cents, several hundred varieties, all in practically uncirculated condition.

## OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF THE A. N. A. CONVENTION.

Taken in Maplewood Park, Rochester, N. Y., August 20, 1928.



(The same members as in the photograph on next page, but in different positions.)

GEORGE J. BAUER, Rochester, N. Y.—Two cases, one containing ancient Greek, the other ancient Roman coins, in silver and bronze.

HENRY CHAPMAN, Philadelphia, Pa.—A case containing a large variety of United States, foreign and ancient coins. He also showed several Lincoln medals struck in gold and a handkerchief that was in Lincoln's pocket the night he was assassinated.

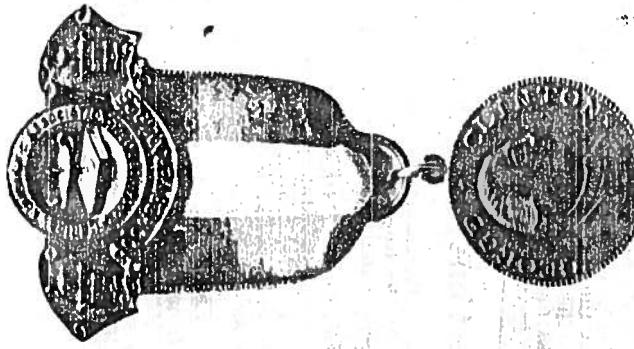
D. C. WISMER, Hatfield, Pa.—A case of broken-bank notes, including issues of Rochester and other cities and towns in New York State.

T. JAMES CLARKE, Jamestown, N. Y.—A collection of \$20, \$10 and \$5 gold coins, including many early dates.

In one of the cases, without a label, was a full set of the Presidential medals of the Rochester Numismatic Association.

## THE CONVENTION BADGE.

The convention badge was an attractive one. The bar pin had in the center a reduced copy of the A. N. A. seal, below which was "Rochester, N. Y., 1928." On each side was the seal of the city of Rochester.



The pendant was a copy of the George Clinton cent. It was attached to the bar pin by a blue, white and yellow ribbon. The metal parts were of bronze.

## THE CONVENTION PAPERS.

The custom followed in previous years of publishing in later issues of THE NUMISMATIST the papers read at the convention will be followed this year. All will be published as opportunity and space will permit. The length of the proceedings and other convention matters makes it impossible to include the papers in this issue. The papers will be in the current issue of THE NUMISMATIST.

THE PHOTOGRAPH ON OPPOSITE PAGE

Front Row.	Fourth Row.
Mrs. Fred E. Merritt.	Mrs. Elmer S. Sears.
Mrs. A. C. Kolb.	Miss Gillette.
Mrs. A. C. Parker.	Mrs. A. S. Boyer.
A. C. Parker.	Mrs. H. L. Fremau.
Harry T. Wilson.	Mrs. C. L. Brisley.
E. G. Dunfield.	Paul Lange.
Harry W. Rapp.	Mrs. Barney Bluestone.
Alden S. Boyer.	Mrs. Chester A. Peake.
Charles Markus.	Mrs. Paul M. Lange.
L. A. Renaud.	Mrs. Renaud.
Moritz Wormser.	Charles A. Kuehne.
H. A. Sternberg.	Elmer S. Sears.
Mrs. H. A. Sternberg.	Third Row.
Miss B. Max Meltz.	Mrs. Elmer S. Sears.
Miss Dana Meltz.	Mrs. A. A. Kohl.
Miss E. E. Cruthers.	John E. Morse.
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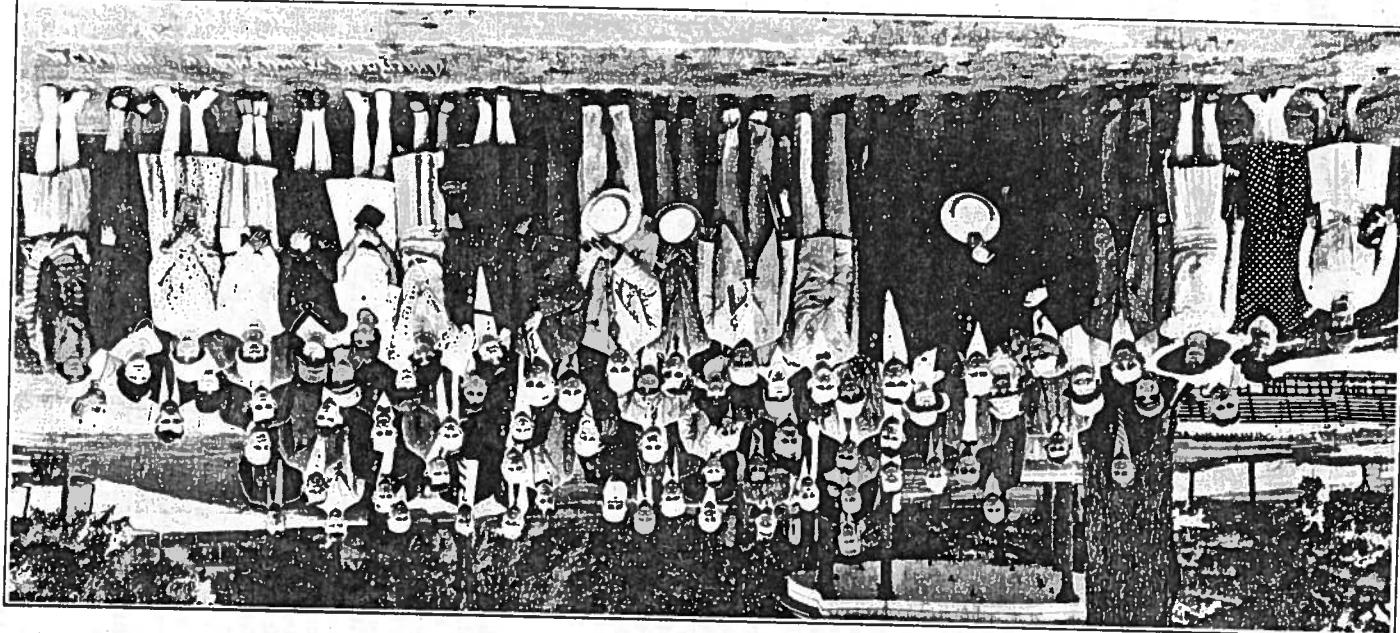
Miss L. B. Sternborg.	William F. Dunnham.
Miss Loraine Mehl.	Herbert W. Walker.
Mrs. C. F. Clarke.	Nelson T. Thorson.
Mrs. Bud. Kohler.	Ludger Gravel.
Mrs. Wm. F. Sunday.	Farran Zerbe.
Second Row.	
Harley L. Freeman.	F. D. Langstone.
Mrs. N. T. Thorson.	L. A. Burmeister, Jr.
Mrs. G. A. Gillette.	W. H. Amberg.
Mrs. George J. Bauer.	Rud. Kohler.

THOSE REGISTERED AT THE ROCHESTER CONVENTION

The registration book of General Secretary Harry T. Wilson showed the following names:

Charles Scott Markus, Davenport, Iowa.  
 Alden Scott Boyer, Chicago, Ill.  
 L. A. Renaud, Montreal, Canada.  
 Harry T. Wilson, Chicago, Ill.  
 George H. Blake, Jersey City, N. J.  
 Paul M. Lange, Rochester, N. Y.  
 Harry W. Rapp, Detroit, Mich.  
 Moritz W. Wormser, New York City.  
 H. A. Sternberg, Dundee, Ill.  
 F. G. Feldman, Baltimore, Md.  
 F. C. Parker, New Brighton, Pa.  
 L. H. Polkumb, Rochester, N. Y.  
 George F. Marler, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 E. E. Cruthers, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Elmer J. Lawless, Chicago, Ill.  
 John G. Watson, Detroit, Mich.  
 Edward A. Hoare, Detroit, Mich.  
 Arthur C. Parker, Rochester, N. Y.  
 Barney Bluestone, Syracuse, N. Y.  
 George J. Bauer, Rochester, N. Y.  
 William F. Durham, Chicago, Ill.  
 John E. Morse, Hadley, Mass.  
 F. D. Langenheim, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 John W. Horner, Rochester, N. Y.  
 Elmer S. Sears, Swansea, Mass.  
 Mrs. Elmer S. Sears, Swansea, Mass.  
 H. Rembold, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 C. Max Mehl, Fort Worth, Texas.  
 Mrs. B. Max Mehl, Fort Worth, Texas.  
 Robert H. Lloyd, North Tonawanda, N. Y.  
 Judge Gravel, Montreal, Canada.  
 William F. Sunday, Rochester, N. Y.  
 A. Flagg Robson, Fenn Yan, N. Y.  
 George A. Gillette, Rochester, N. Y.  
 Julius Guttatt, New Rochelle, N. Y.  
 Charles L. Brisley, Detroit, Mich.  
 Rud. Konler, New York City.  
 Chester A. Peake, Rochester, N. Y.  
 Dr. George P. French, Rochester, N. Y.  
 Alphonse A. Kolb, Rochester, N. Y.  
 Henry Chapman, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Charles A. Davis, Dorchester, Mass.  
 Fred B. King, Rochester, N. Y.  
 Frank Brown, Worcester, Mass.  
 George O'Hara, Jr., Buffalo, N. Y.  
 W. H. Amberg, Rochester, N. Y.  
 N. T. Thorson, Omaha, Neb.  
 Farran Zeble, Tyrone, Pa.  
 L. A. Birmeister, Milwaukee, Wis.  
 P. T. James Clarke, Jamestown, N. Y.  
 Horace M. Grant, Providence, R. I.  
 Mrs. H. H. Yawger, Rochester, N. Y.  
 Harley L. Freeman, Cleveland, Ohio.  
 D. C. Wismer, Hatfield, Pa.  
 Herbert W. Walker, Warren, Ohio.  
 Marie G. Boyer, Chicago, Ill.  
 Edward A. Gilroy, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Rev. F. J. Donat, C.S.C., Montreal, Can.  
 Charles A. Kuehne, Rochester, N. Y.  
 Clarence E. Moore, Rochester, N. Y.  
 Fred E. Merritt, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 C. F. Clarke, Le Roy, N. Y.  
 Sallie M. Wormser, Woodmere, L.I., N. Y.  
 James G. Macallister, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Sibyl L. Lardner, Providence, R. I.  
 Foster Lardner, Providence, R. I.  
 William C. Stone, Springfield, Mass.  
 Samuel Kabelow, Youngstown, Ohio.  
 Roy C. Schmahl, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Fred T. Joers, Cleveland, Ohio.  
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Approximately half a million dollars in United States silver coins was shipped to the Philadelphia Mint in September by the Cuban Government. It has been announced. The shipment was in accord with the policy of the Cuban Government to withdraw from the island all American silver in circulation there, permitting the use of Cuban coins only. A similar shipment of \$600,000 was made early in the summer to the Federal Reserve Bank at Atlanta.



OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF THE A. N. A. CONVENTION.  
Taken in Maplewood Park, Rochester, N. Y., August 20, 1928.

## The Rochester Convention's Social Side.

The Local Numismatic Association Provides Splendid Entertainment, Featured by Private Showings of Moving Pictures and the "Coin Bugs" Song.

Perhaps it is not fair to compare the entertainment features of one A. N. A. convention with another, nor to say that the members enjoyed themselves at one convention more than at any other, for there may be an honest difference of opinion on that point. The variety of entertainment provided must depend largely on the convention city and the opportunities of the local committee. But we believe we express the opinion of all when we say that we were most royally entertained at Rochester and that the local committee deserve the highest praise for the diversion they provided.

It was a splendid and enjoyable convention. The weather was almost ideal, with only occasional showers, which did not interfere with the program. The attendance was slightly larger than usual and was further increased by many of the Rochester members and their wives at some of the entertainment features who did not register with the General Secretary. This is shown by the fact that 91 persons were seated at the banquet.

The chairmen of the local committees were as follows: Entertainment, William F. Sunday; transportation, George J. Bauer; reception, George J. Gillette; exhibits, Paul M. Lange; publicity, William H. Amberg; hotel, Dr. George P. French; tickets and badges, A. H. Plumb and John W. Horner; ladies' reception, Mrs. A. C. Parker.

The business sessions were held in the ballroom of the Hotel Seneca, one end of which was occupied by the exhibits. Whatever disadvantages an exhibit in a hotel may have, it is far more satisfactory to all than if located in some other part of the city. This opinion was freely expressed at Rochester.

With all the local committees functioning 100 per cent, it may seem out of place to refer to the work of one of them in particular. But we believe the efforts of William F. Sunday, chairman of the entertainment committee, entitles him to special mention. If you haven't seen Mr. Sunday in action you have missed a treat. His committee functioned 100 per cent, plus and was particularly in evidence at the smoker and the banquet.

### The Smoker on Saturday Evening.

The first scheduled entertainment—the smoker—was held in the parlor adjoining the ballroom on Saturday evening and was attended by all who had arrived at that time. Entertainment by local talent was provided for the early part of the evening by Mr. Sloan, in feats of magic; Bob Brethen, ventriloquist, and Pat Leslie, in songs, with guitar accompaniment, and recitations. The latter was a pal of Mr. Sunday in overseas service during the World War. Mr. Sunday then announced that he was preparing some "hokum" verses for the banquet and that he would rehearse them at the smoker for the big occasion. A half hour was spent in drilling those present in the chorus of his song, which was entitled "Coin Bugs," sung to the tune of "It Ain't a Gonna Rain No More."

After C. H. Rembold related a couple of incidents connected with the early history of Rochester, Dr. French took charge of the gathering and called on Messrs. Hoare, King, Zerbe, Wormser, Markus and Parker for a few words. The responses were varied and entertaining. As host of the evening Dr. French provided cigars, cigarettes and liquid refreshments, the latter being pronounced exceptionally fine. While the men were thus engaged the ladies were entertained at a theater party.

### A Tour of the Parks on Sunday Afternoon.

For Sunday afternoon a ride was taken through the city parks. For reasons which the committee on transportation explained the trip was made in automobile instead of buses. The ride was through South Park and Highland Park, New York, the route of the former being the same as the

served. Motor launches were provided for a short ride on the bay for those who cared to make the trip. Dr. Parker had with him his movie camera and made a number of exposures of incidents at Newport. He announced that the reel would be shown at the banquet on Wednesday evening.

On Sunday evening President Markus gave a talk on coins and the convention over the radio from Station WHAM, in the Sagamore Hotel, Rochester. We did not have an opportunity to listen in, but his talk is printed full elsewhere in this issue and will be found interesting to our readers. An entertainment feature not on the program was provided Sunday evening by George J. Bauer and Dr. Parker. This was a showing of several reels of moving pictures taken by Mr. Bauer on his trip last winter through Southern California, Texas and Mexico. It will be recalled that Mr. and Mrs. Bauer made this trip about the time that President Markus and Mr. Markus were touring the same part of the country and that they were together part of the time. George announced that one of the reels contained some views of President Markus which he would keep for showing at the banquet.

A much appreciated feature of the entertainment was a showing of reels of pictures in colors. These color pictures are the latest in the game and movie industries and are not yet available for general distribution. We were told on our visit to the Eastman plant the following day, few private views having been given at the Eastman plant to those interested. But in some manner Messrs. Bauer and Parker secured the reels for the entertainment of the A. N. A. visitors. A special projector machine is required for showing the color pictures. These pictures appear to be sharper and clearer than the average motion picture and every bit was shown in its actual color. It is a wonderful invention and no doubt will revolutionize the moving picture industry.

### We Made An Effort to See How Cameras Are Made.

On Monday afternoon a visit to the Eastman plant, in Kodak Park, was on the program. The ride was in automobiles, as were all the other sight seeing trips during the convention. On the way to Kodak Park a stop was made at a shady spot in Maplewood Park and the convention photograph was taken. At the Eastman plant we were met by a representative of the firm and conducted through parts of the plant. Much of the visit was through huge darkrooms, from which all daylight is excluded and with only the photographer's ruby lights to guide the visitors. Other parts of the plant were seen by daylight, including the department for making the base for all the films manufactured by the company.

### And We See Greta Garbo Do What All Hoped She Would Do.

An early performance at the Eastman Theater was chosen for our visit on Monday evening. The principal attraction was "The Mysterious Woman" featuring Greta Garbo and Conrad Nagel. A musical program was also given on the stage of the theater by the advanced pupils of the Eastman School of Music. It was expected that after the performance we would be shown through the School of Music, which is located in the theater building, but this was closed for the summer.

As the evening was young when the performance was over the party turned to the hotel ballroom and spent a couple of hours in social intercourse. Mr. Sunday, assisted by Mrs. Sunday, held another rehearsal of his "Coin Bugs" song, after which he pronounced it about perfect and read for rendition at the banquet. Elmer Sears, upon request, also entertained the members with several recitations.

### Then We Saw Them Grind Lenses for Cameras and Glasses.

On Tuesday afternoon the plant of the Bausch and Lomb Optical Company was visited. Courteous guides conducted the party through different parts of the plant. The principal departments visited were those in which spectacles and eye glasses are made, and where the various lenses manufactured by the company are ground. A booklet distributed by the company gives an interesting history of the structure of the plant and the founders of the company.

when the business was first placed on a paying basis. Mr. Bausch died in 1926 at the age of 96.

#### And Paul Lange Showed Us How to Conduct an Auction Sale.

No feature of a convention will attract more members and hold their attention longer than an auction sale of coins. On Tuesday evening Paul M. Lange, of the Rochester Hobby Shop, held one of his auction sales in one of the parlors at the Hotel Seneca. Although the evening was warm, and the room small, the members remained throughout the sale. It was made up of ancient and modern coins, a representative selection of United States coins, a number of medals and several specimens of Swedish plate money. Very good prices were realized.



FOSTER LARDNER,  
A. N. A. Member, Theatrical Manager, Magician.

#### We Called at the Home of the R. N. A. and Were Made Welcome.

The Rochester Numismatic Association is one of the few local coin clubs that has a home of its own. On Wednesday afternoon a trip was made to the Rochester Municipal Museum after the members had paid a visit to the plant of the Times-Union, one of the evening papers of Rochester. The Municipal Museum has as its curator Dr. A. C. Parker, a member of the A. N. A. and president of the Rochester Numismatic Association. Several reels of studies in animal life were shown the party by Dr. Parker in the section of the museum devoted to that purpose, and then he conducted the party to the quarters of the R. N. A. This is a nicely furnished room in which it holds its meetings, while just across the corridor is its coin room. This room contains a number of cases in which the collection of coins of the local organization is placed. The collection, while not yet extensive, contains many coins and is slowly growing. The club depends almost entirely on donations for the growth of the collection. The other rooms of the museum were also visited, which contain many Indian relics and other interesting objects. Refreshments also were served.

#### An Enjoyable Banquet—And Then Some One Took Off the Lid.

The closing event in the series of entertainments was the banquet on Wednesday evening, at which 91 ladies and gentlemen were seated. It was held in the ballroom of Hotel Seneca. An orchestra furnished music for the occasion. The toastsmaster and officers, with the wives of those who were present, were seated at a long table at one end of the room, while the others were placed at ten round tables. After the cigars were lighted President Markus called upon Elmer S. Sears to act as toastmaster. This role was not a new one for Elmer and he acquitted himself in his usual happy manner. After explaining that the remainder of the evening would be devoted to entertainment and not to speechmaking, he introduced Foster Lardner, of Providence, R. I., one of the visiting A. N. A. members, as the first entertainer, in feats of magic. This was quite a surprise to most of the members, who have frequently met Foster at Conventions, and few expected they would meet him at Rochester in the role of a magician. As most conventionites know, when Foster is at home and isn't collecting coins he manages the E. F. Albee Theater in his home city. He has been in the theatrical business almost ever since he was born, both on and off the stage.

As a magician Foster is a great success. The seemingly impossible feats he performed kept all in suspense for half an hour, and his closing experiment brought forth roars of laughter as he reached inside Henry Chapman's coat and brought forth a long string of wieners. At considerable trouble he brought a trunk full of paraphernalia to the convention in order that he might contribute to the entertainment of his fellow-collectors. The second act was a graceful dance by Miss Dana Mehl, daughter of Max and Mrs. Mehl, of Fort Worth, Texas. Miss Dana has been entertaining A. N. A. conventions for the last few years and her efforts are appreciated. She always has something new for each convention.

Then the toastsmaster announced that he would turn over the audience to the mercy of Billy Sunday—not the evangelist Billy Sunday, but the Rochester Numismatic Association's own "Billy." It has been mentioned previously that Billy had composed, manufactured or in some other way produced some thirty verses, each a good-natured stab at some member of the A. N. A., sung to the tune of "It Ain't a Gonna Rain No More," the audience joining in the chorus. His previous rehearsals had made everything letter perfect and the next half hour produced many laughs at the expense of each other as the reel of verses was unwound. But the fun was not all confined to the song. The enthusiasm Billy threw into his work and his manner of leading a chorus convinced his audience that at some time he had had considerable experience as a cheer leader. He has been termed the "inimitable" Billy Sunday, and the designation fits snugly. "Billy's" product follows:

"OH! IT'S COIN BUGS, COIN BUGS, COIN BUGS."

Charley Markus is our chairman, a lot to him we owe,  
He helps boost numismatics wherever he may go.

#### CHORUS.

Oh! It's coin bugs, coin bugs, coin bugs,  
Yes, coin bugs and still more;  
It's great to be together  
And talk old coins once more.

Brother Boyer from Chicago is here on pleasure bent.  
Get a bottle of his perfume and you'll never lose the scent.—Chorus.  
Brother Wilson gets new members and gathers in the dues.  
He's a peppy secretary and he makes the boys come through.—Chorus.  
Brother Blake from Jersey City, with bank notes crisp and new;  
He sure knows paper money, and he guards our treasury, too.—Chorus.

From Baltimore comes Duffield, our editor-in-chief;  
From his numismatic worries this affords him some relief.—Chorus.  
Tyrone sends us Brother Zerbe, with coins of foremost rank;  
He's placed his whole collection in the great Chase National Bank.—Chorus.  
Moritz Wormser is a banker; he should be, that's no joke;  
Hr's a bug on numismatics, and the hobby keeps him broke.—Chorus.

Dundee sent us Brother Sternberg; although he couldn't stay. In our hearts he's truly with us in a numismatic way.—Chorus.

Langenheim from Philadelphia was elected to the Board. He will help plan for the future, numismatics in accord.—Chorus.

(At this point Elmer Sears took the floor and announced that, owing to Mr. Sunday's extreme modesty, he had failed to provide a verse dedicated to himself (Mr. Sunday). Mr. Sears then batted out the following verse for a home run:)

Billy Sunday is a wonder; he sure is full of life;  
The way he keeps things moving, he's a credit to his wife.—Chorus.  
Brother Lange held an auction at the hotel Tuesday night,  
With coins to suit all comers, for the coin bugs' keen delight.—Chorus.

Doctor Parker is the chairman of the P. N. A. this year;  
While Director of the Museum, he's a coin bug, never fear.—Chorus.

Brother Bauer votes on antiquities, you'll see his coins displayed.  
He sells Fords and the Lincoln, but the Fords are all delayed.—Chorus.

Brother King from the Flower City sells only high-grade seed.  
For thriving numismatics he's the kind of chap we need.—Chorus.

Brother Lawless from Chicago sure has uncanny sense;  
He found an old collection of some real fine copper cents.—Chorus.

Sallie Worner was persistent; they tried, but all in vain,  
To keep her on Long Island, but she came to sign her name.—Chorus.

Brother Hoare from Manhattan, as a coin bug stunt unique.  
He helped our numismatics by starting Old Coin Week.—Chorus.

There's a welcome on his door mat, and he keeps his collar wet.—Chorus.  
We bid Barney Bluestone welcome; Syracuse must be some place.  
It's a numismatic tonic just to see his smiling face.—Chorus.

Brother Sears from good old Swanson, with coins both rare and fine;  
Good judge of numismatics and a connoisseur of wife.—Chorus.

Doctor French talks numismatics, and his stories are immense;  
At times he seems erratic, but he always shows good cents.—Chorus.

Brother Merritt, a New Yorker; to the girls he is a treat.  
With his high-grade evening slippers for the lovely dame's feet.—Chorus.

Montreal sends Brothers Donat, Gravel and Remaud, too.  
They sure do ride the hobby searching for some bouquet soul.—Chorus.

B. Max McHi, our Texas deal-er; his auctions have won fame.  
We're glad to have him with us; he's a credit to the game.—Chorus.

Philadelphia sends two Chapmans, both coin bugs tried and true.  
Henry knows his numismatics, and so does Hudson, too.—Chorus.

Brother Lardner is a wizard at magic, you'll admit.  
For he baffled all the coin bugs and amused them with his wit.—Chorus.

Brother Dunham from Chicago is a real coin bug all right;  
His junior coin club efforts means more coin bugs in sight.—Chorus.

Brother Maillieu came from Pittsburgh, from a group of coin bugs gay;  
As the chairman of their coin club he sure boasts the A. N. A.—Chorus.

First we toured the parks in autos, then stopped down by the bay.  
We hope you liked the boat ride and enjoyed a pleasant day.—Chorus.

Oh! we love to have conventions of coin bugs by the score,  
Where the boys can buy and barter and give each pals once more.—Chorus.

When quiet had been restored George Bauer announced that he would show another reel of motion pictures taken on his Western-Southern trip last winter, when he spent several days with Charley Markus on the other side of the Mexican border. The reel was highly interesting, until it was about half over. Then it became thrilling as George requested that all pay close attention to the picture. What we saw was two gentlemen, whom everybody recognized as George and Charley, in Mexican sombreros, slowly riding two horses to their lair, and the Indians, it should be explained,

lights and shadows in the picture. (We are making this explanation in the hope of saving Charley's reputation, but we are afraid we won't get away with it.)

Another reel shown contained the views taken by Dr. Parker during the stop at Newport on the auto trip on Sunday afternoon. These views were very entertaining, as the Doctor managed to get almost every member of the party within the range of his camera, either in a natural position or one assumed for the occasion.

Another half hour spent in social intercourse brought to a close a very enjoyable evening and a program of entertainment that has seldom been equaled at an A. N. A. convention.

At the close Mr. Sunday offered the following:

Series of coinage you'll find there are many.  
From pieces-of-eight to a mere copper penny.  
To find them, though hidden in places so snug,  
Is the earnest desire of every coin bug.

So we've banded together in one common cause  
To boost numismatics without apesceuse.  
With a spirit of purpose we shall avail—  
Recognition success in this field without fail.

To reach this goal for our Association  
We will need some real cooperation.  
So let's work together—what do you say?—  
For a bigger and better A. N. A.

#### APPRECIATION FOR MR. LARDNER'S EFFORTS.

The following letter is self-explanatory:

Mr. Foster Lardner,  
Care of E. F. Albee Theater,  
Providence, R. I.

My Dear Foster—Allow me at this time to express my appreciation for the kindness and the great trouble which you went through to help out with the entertainment at the banquet at Rochester. I am sure the members all feel as I do, and I only regret that in the excitement I did not ask for a rising vote of thanks to express our appreciation. However, I am sure that the expressions which you must have heard during your entertainment convinced you that your efforts were appreciated.

With kind regards to both you and Mrs. Lardner, and again expressing my appreciation of your efforts to entertain, I remain,  
Very truly yours,  
ELMER S. SEARS.  
Toastmaster.

#### A LETTER FROM MR. SUNDAY.

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 30, 1928.

Dear Mr. Duffield:  
I want to thank the boys for their splendid cooperation and the honor bestowed upon me. I certainly appreciate greatly the honor and hope I shall merit their confidence by my efforts in the future.

I will have some more verses ready for the next convention and will do all in my power to make it the best ever.

WILLIAM F. SUNDAY.

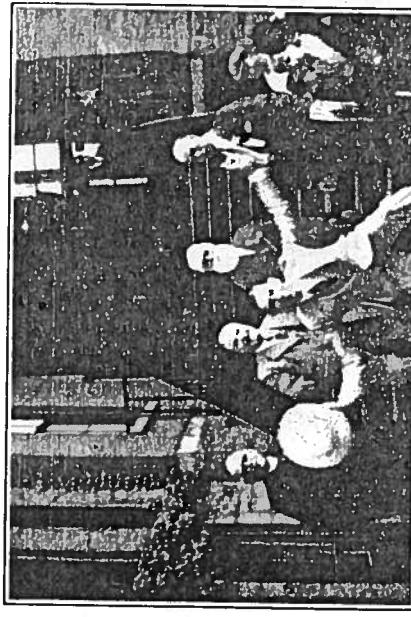
#### NUMISMATIC NOTES AND MONOGRAPHS, NO. 36.

"Notes on the Decorations and Medals of the French Colonies and Territories," by Harold E. Gillingham, is the title of the latest numismatic publication by the American Numismatic Society, New York City. It is probably the most important and valuable numismatic publication ever issued.

## Convention Notes.

### A Few Bits of News and Personal Matters Picked Up Here and There, With Some Snapshots of Convention Life.

The great success of the social side of the convention should be attributed to the work of the ladies' reception committee, of which Mrs. A. C. Parker was chairman and which was composed of the wives of the Rochester members. The presence of so many ladies at the entertainment features added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasions. In order that everybody might become better acquainted with everybody else at the beginning of a convention, one member suggested at Rochester that in the future the usual smoker on Saturday night be abolished and an entertainment and social hour for both ladies and gentlemen be substituted. At former conventions it has been strongly hinted that the visiting ladies are not enthusiastic over the custom of sending them off to the movies while the gentlemen are being entertained at a smoker. Such an entertainment as is proposed would at least have the merit of being something different. A social evening for both sexes, with a little entertainment, might be worth a trial for a convention get-together feature.



Billy Sunday in action as he rehearsed the chorus of his "Coin Bugs" song outside the Municipal Museum on Wednesday afternoon. In the background are Father Donat, Ludger Gravel, Henry Chaplin and George Bauer.

Among those who attended an A. N. A. convention for the first time were Mr. and Mrs. Barney Bluestone, of Syracuse, N. Y. Both seemed to thoroughly enjoy the different phases of convention life and may be counted on as regulars in the future.

During the convention it became known that the Chase National Bank, of New York, had purchased the Farran Zerbe educational collection of the money of the world. Mr. Zerbe was reluctant to discuss the transaction for publication. He said formal announcement was reserved to be made by the bank. However, Mr. Zerbe let it be known that the collection, to be installed in the near future, would be a permanent feature for the public in the Chase National's great new building at Pine and Nassau streets, New York city, and that he would personally direct it in the interest of the bank and was ambitious to make it a great success.

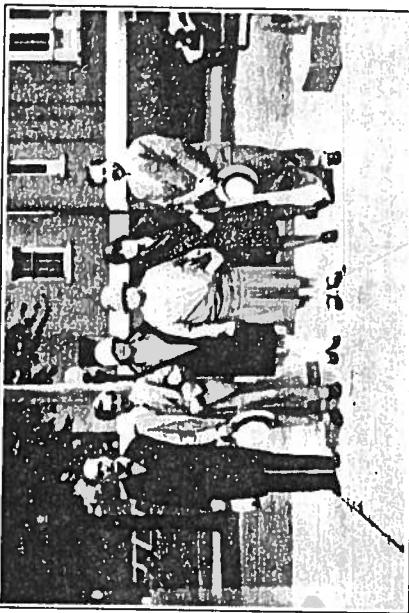
The new Buffalo Numismatic Club sent quite a delegation, including President Gilroy, to the smoker on Saturday evening, but most of them were compelled to return home the same night. In President Gilroy the club has an energetic and enthusiastic executive. He endeavored to secure the next convention for that city, but was unsuccessful. If Buffalo wants to entertain an A. N. A. convention a little later, we hope it will be successful.

Members of the A. N. A. have become so accustomed to knowing George J. Bauer, of Rochester, as a high-grade collector that if we told them he was at one time a regular coin dealer we might be charged with untruthfulness. But we have the goods on George. At the convention C. F. Clarke, of LeRoy, N. Y., showed a pamphlet the cover page of which had the following: "Catalogue of Coins, Medals, Tokens, Paper Money, etc. Geo. J. Bauer, 75 Front St., Rochester, at Fixed Prices." There was no date on the catalogue, but from its typography we judge it was issued about 1890.



Farran Zerbe just before they boarded the launch at Newport. But they were posing for a picture, and they were pleased to have Mrs. Thorson join them as they stood before Mr. Thorson's camera.

Quite a number of the members listened to Governor Smith's speech of acceptance over the radio on Wednesday evening prior to the banquet. A receiving set had been installed in the lobby of the hotel for the occasion.



This picture came to us without a word of explanation. The serious expression on each face conveys to us to assume that everything is O. K., even though the ladies' husbands are not in sight. Left to right, Rud. Kohler, J. A. Reinhard, Mrs. Boyer, Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Thorson and Shepard Pond.

Among the first-timers who immediately became popular with everybody was Robert H. Lloyd, of North Tonawanda, N. Y. Mr. Lloyd has been a contributor to THE NUMISMATIST during the past year and also read an interest-

ing paper at the convention. He was one of the organizers of the new Buffalo Coin Club as well. Mr. Lloyd is a young man and is still pursuing his studies at Ann Arbor, Mich. He is an enthusiastic collector and gives promise of being a valuable member of the A. N. A.

L. A. Renaud, of Montreal, announced that his fellow-collector, Ludger Gravel, also of Montreal, had recently had conferred on him the *Medaille de Vermeil des Affaires Etrangères pour Services Exceptionnels*. This medal is mentioned in Harold E. Gillingham's monograph, French Orders and Decorations (No. 11, A. N. S.), page 98.

A convention of the operatives of the Harper Method of Beauty Culture was also held at the Hotel Seneca during our stay. About 400 delegates, principally ladies, were present from all parts of the United States. The large attendance and enthusiasm shown by the delegates was the envy of President Markus, who wanted to know why the A. N. A. cannot develop such an attendance and equal enthusiasm at its conventions. Each of the delegates was given a bronze plaque, one of which was also presented to the A. N. A. collection through the efforts of Elmer Sears.



This picture also came without any explanation. Without knowing whether they are coming or going, we are willing to wager, just from the personnel of the party, that they had an enjoyable ride. Left to right: Julius Gutting, Mrs. Boyer, Mrs. Thorsen, Moritz Wormser and Father Donald (insistible).

Adjoining the Rochester Municipal Museum is one of the city playgrounds, which on the day of our visit to that institution was exceptionally well patronized by the little tots. As our party alighted from the autos opposite the playground a number of the children observed Henry Chapman at the same instant and a shout went up, "Oh, here comes Santa Claus!" The incident was taken good-naturedly by Henry, and he made good the part by scattering a handful of change among the romping children. His action was followed by others of our party and a lively time followed for a few minutes. Then the children insisted on having their picture taken with Mr. Chapman standing in their midst.

To entertain those members who reached Rochester a little early, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Bauer gave a supper at the "Old Homestead," near Rochester, on Friday evening. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Bauer the party included H. A. Sternberg, Mrs. Sternberg and daughter, Miss Ethel Belle Sternberg; Elmer Sears and Mrs. Sears; B. Max Mehl, Mrs. Mehl and daughter, the Misses Loraine and Dana Mehl. After the supper some time was spent at the Bauer home examining a part of Mr. Bauer's splendid collection of coins.

and Mr. Boyer made their debut as conventionites at the Chicago meeting in 1920 and have been regular attendants since, except when they have been abroad.

Everybody was pleased to welcome Ludger Gravel, of Montreal, again at a convention. He has been in ill health for more than a year, but is gradually returning to his old-time form.

Mrs. Addie D. Yawger called at the Hotel Seneca to meet her many friends and acquaintances formed at former conventions. Since the death of Mr. Yawger she has been staying in Rochester with her son, Foster Yawger, and wife, and she will probably make that city her home later.

Among the ladies who were warmly greeted was Mrs. Sallie Wormser, wife of ex-President Moritz Wormser. Mrs. Wormser sustained severe injuries more than a year ago in a fall from a horse and has not yet fully recovered from the effects.



Henry Chapman in the midst of a number of Rochester's kiddies at the public playground.

The choice of Fauban Zerbe as Chairman of the Board of Governors to succeed Harry W. Rapp seemed to meet with universal approval. Mr. Rapp, for business reasons, positively declined reelection. Mr. Zerbe will be remembered by the old-timers as President of the A. N. A. in 1908 and 1909 and a booster for the Association and numismatics in general for the past 25 years. Since then until now he has not been in position to take an active part in the official life of the Association, although his advice and assistance in other ways has frequently been asked and cheerfully given.

Harley L. Freeman, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. Freeman, renewed acquaintances formed at the Cleveland convention in 1924. Mr. Freeman specializes in Colonial currency, in which he is greatly interested and on which he is compiling valuable data.

#### STE FOR RECOVERY OF COINS TAKEN.

Two Chinese have filed suit in the Federal Court in Brooklyn against Joseph A. Patina, who has charge of the counterfeiting division of the United States Secret Service in Manhattan, to recover the value of many specimens of jewelry, made from coins of various nations, which they were confiscated by Patina's agents. The plaintiffs are Mai Lin Pi and Moi Wong Nie, proprietors of a jewelry store in Manhattan. They say the amount